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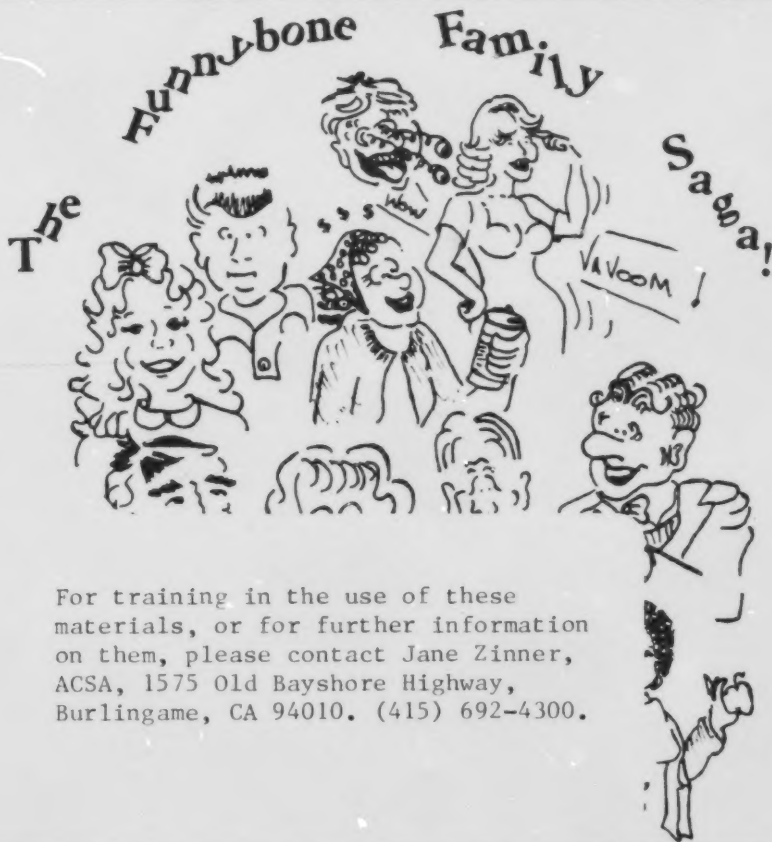
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MEET WEIRD WILLIE



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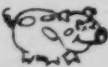
Say These Words:

meet = 

people = 

horse = 

happy = 

pig = 

mean = 

bird = 

cow = 

sad = 

Words to know:

is
watch
to

not
he
me

his
very
you

because
out

MEET WEIRD WILLIE



Weird Willie is not happy.



Weird Willie is sad.



Weird Willie is mean. He is mean because he is not happy.



He is mean to people. He is mean to you. He is mean to me.



He is mean to his bird.



He is mean to his horse.



He is mean to his pig.



He is mean to his cow.

Watch out for Weird Willie.

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He is mean to you.

He is mean to me.

He is mean to his bird.

He is mean to his horse.

He is mean to his pig.

He is mean to his cow.

Watch out for Weird Willie!

MEET WEIRD WILLIE

Comprehension Check

1. **Weird Willie is not**
 - a. sad.
 - b. mean.
 - c. happy.
 2. **Weird Willie is**
 - a. happy.
 - b. you.
 - c. sad.
 3. **Why is Weird Willie mean?**
 - a. because he is mean to me
 - b. because he is not happy
 - c. because he is mean to you
 4. **He is mean to his**
 - a. pig.
 - b. you.
 - c. me.
 5. **He is mean to his**
 - a. bird.
 - b. pig.
 - c. you.
-

MORE WEIRD WILLIE

Say these words:

people =



girl =



happy =



look =



sad =



Words to know:

do
not
don't
always

like
have
want

be
for
them

does
doesn't
going

MORE WEIRD WILLIE



People don't like Weird Willie. Weird Willie doesn't like people.



People don't like Weird Willie because he doesn't like them.



Willie is not happy. He is sad. He is sad because he doesn't



have a girl. He doesn't have a girl because he is always sad.



Weird Willie does not want to be sad. He wants to be happy.



He is going to look for a girl. Watch out for Weird Willie!

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out for Weird Willie!

MORE WEIRD WILLIE

Comprehension Check

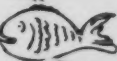
- 1. Weird Willie doesn't like**
 - a. a girl.
 - b. people.
 - c. happy.
 - 2. Why don't people like Weird Willie?**
 - a. because he doesn't have a girl
 - b. because he wants to be happy
 - c. because he doesn't like them
 - 3. Why is Willie sad?**
 - a. because he doesn't have a girl
 - b. because he doesn't like them
 - c. because he wants to be happy
 - 4. Why doesn't Willie have a girl?**
 - a. because he wants to be happy
 - b. because he likes people
 - c. because he is always sad
 - 5. What is Willie going to do?**
 - a. He is going to look for people.
 - b. He is going to look for a girl.
 - c. He is going to like people.
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WEIRD WILLIE GOES TO THE DOCTOR

Say these words:

doctor = 

run = 

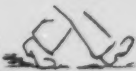
fish = 

read = 

dollars = 

sing = 

dance = 

walk = 

girl = 

Words to know:

tell	what	say	week	friend
do	says	know	why	goes
see	find	talk	asks	come
maybe	back	should	have	

WEIRD WILLIE GOES TO THE DOCTOR



A friend tells Willie to go to a doctor. "Maybe he can tell you why



you are always sad and mean?" he says to Willie. Willie goes to see a



doctor. The doctor talks with Willie.

"What do you like to do?" he asks Willie. "I don't know," says Willie.



"Do you like to run?" he asks. "No," says Willie, "I don't like to run."



"Do you like to fish?" asks the doctor. "No," says Willie, "I don't like to



fish." "Do you like to read?" "No," says Willie, "I don't like to read."



"Do you like to sing?" asks the doctor. "No, I don't like to sing," says



Willie. "Do you like to walk?" he asks. "No," says Weird Willie, "I don't



like to walk." "Do you like to dance?" asks the doctor. "No," says



Willie, "I don't like to dance." "Do you have a girl?" asks the doctor.



"No, I don't have a girl," says Willie.

"Ah, ha!" says the doctor. "You should have a girl! Find a girl.

Come back in two weeks. That will be \$50.00."

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"Do you like to run?" he asks. "No," says Willie, "I don't like to run." "Do you like to fish?" asks the doctor. "No," says Willie, "I don't like to fish."

"Do you like to read?" "No," says Willie, "I don't like to read." "Do you like to sing?" asks the doctor. "No, I don't like to sing," says Willie. "Do you like to walk?" he asks. "No," says Weird Willie, "I don't like to walk."

"Do you like to dance?" asks the doctor. "No," says Willie, "I don't like to dance." "Do you have a girl?" asks the doctor. "No, I don't have a girl," says Willie.

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WEIRD WILLIE GOES TO THE DOCTOR

Comprehension Check

1. **Who tells Willie to go to a doctor?**
 - a. a girl
 - b. a friend
 - c. a doctor

 2. **The doctor asks Willie**
 - a. what he likes to do.
 - b. what he is going to do.
 - c. what he is going to read.

 3. **The doctor tells Willie to**
 - a. fish.
 - b. run.
 - c. find a girl.

 4. **What does the doctor tell Willie to do?**
 - a. sing for two weeks
 - b. come back in two weeks
 - c. dance and walk

 5. **What does Willie want to find out?**
 - a. why he is always sad and mean
 - b. why he doesn't like to run
 - c. why he doesn't like to read
-

WEIRD WILLIE READS A BOOK

Say these words:

dog = 

book = 

car = 

wink = 

laugh = 

coat = 

vest = 

Words to know:

name
lot
day

get
every
if

new
buy

how
begin

WEIRD WILLIE READS A BOOK



Weird Willie doesn't know how to get a girl. Because he doesn't

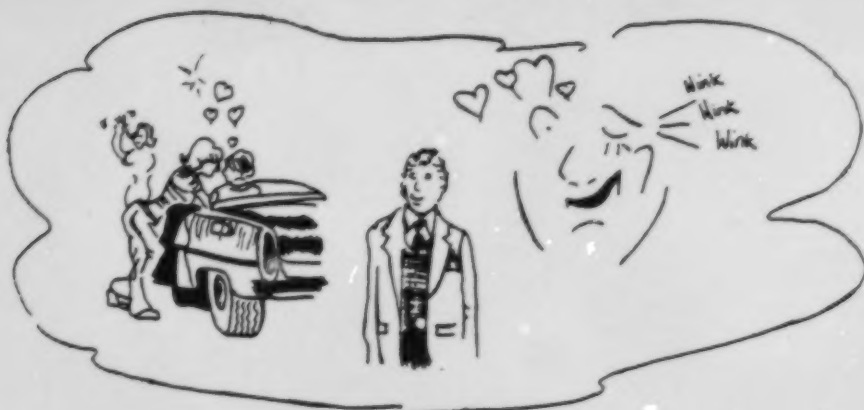


know how to get a girl, he buys a book. The name of the book is "How to

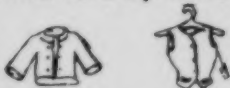


Get A Girl". Willie reads the book. The book says to laugh a lot. Weird

Willie begins to laugh a lot.



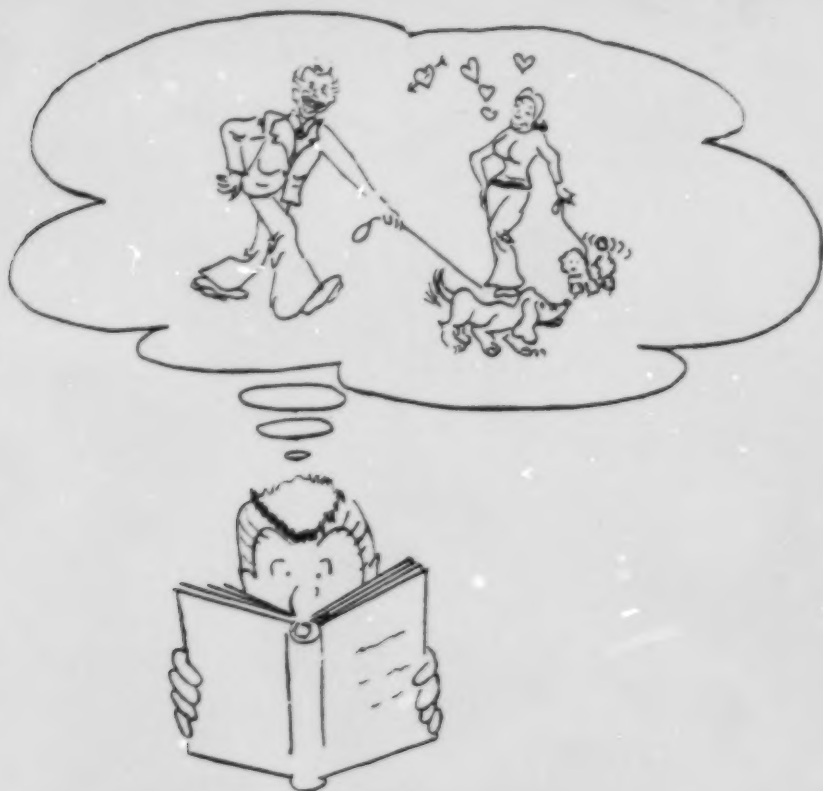
The book tells Willie to buy a new car. Willie buys a new car. The



book says to buy a new coat and vest. Willie buys a new coat and vest.



The book says to wink at girls. Willie begins to wink at girls.



Weird Willie reads about how to meet girls. The book says to buy a



dog. Willie buys a dog. The book says to walk the dog. Willie begins



to walk the dog every day. The book says that girls like dogs. If you

buy a dog, you will meet girls.



Weird Willie is happy. He has a new car, coat, vest and dog. He laughs a lot. He winks a lot. Weird Willie is ready to meet some girls. Watch out for Weird Willie!

WEIRD WILLIE READS A BOOK

Comprehension Check

1. **Why does Weird Willie buy a book?**
 - a. because he doesn't know how to get a girl
 - b. because he doesn't know how to laugh
 - c. because he doesn't know how to dance
 2. **What is the name of the book?**
 - a. "How to Walk a Dog"
 - b. "How to Buy a Car"
 - c. "How to Get a Girl"
 3. **The book tells Willie to (check 5)**

a. dance a lot.	e. wink at girls.
b. laugh a lot.	f. buy a new coat.
c. buy a new car.	g. buy a book.
d. run a lot.	h. buy a new vest.
 4. **The book tells Willie that if he buys a dog,**
 - a. he will like dogs.
 - b. he will meet girls.
 - c. he will have a new coat.
 5. **Willie is ready to meet some**
 - a. dogs.
 - b. coats.
 - c. girls.
-

WEIRD WILLIE MEETS PATTY CAKE

Say these words:

new
just
my

pet
did
your

from
work
good

Words to know:

animals
about
home
anyway

didn't
funny
eye
store

ride
that's
that is
something

WEIRD WILLIE MEETS PATTY CAKE



Meet Patty Cake. Patty Cake works in a pet store. She likes animals. Patty Cake doesn't know that she is about to meet Weird Willie.



Patty Cake walks home from work. Weird Willie walks his dog. Patty Cake looks at the dog. "What a good dog," she says to Willie. Weird Willie laughs. "My name is Weird Willie," he says.

"My name is Patty Cake," she says. Weird Willie laughs. "What's so funny?" asks Patty Cake.



Weird Willie winks at Patty Cake. "Did you get something in your eye?" asks Patty Cake.

"Do you like my new coat?" asks Weird Willie.

"Yes, I like your coat," says Patty.

Do you like my new vest?" asks Weird Willie.

"Yes, I like your vest," says Patty.



"Do you want to ride in my new car?" asks Willie. "No!" says Patty Cake.

"Don't you like my dog?" asks Willie.

"I like your dog," says Patty Cake.

"Don't you like my coat?" asks Weird Willie.

"I like your coat," says Patty Cake.

"Don't you like my vest?" asks Weird Willie.

"I like your vest," says Patty.



"Don't you like my new car?" asks Weird Willie.

"I like your car, vest, coat and dog!" says Patty. "I just don't like you!" Weird Willie laughs and winks at Patty Cake. Patty Cake runs away from Weird Willie.

"That's it!" says Weird Willie. "I didn't want a girl anyway!"

WEIRD WILLIE MEETS PATTY CAKE

Comprehension Check

1. **Where does Patty Cake work?**
 - a. in a pet store
 - b. at home
 - c. in a book store
 2. **What does she like?**
 - a. She likes cars.
 - b. She likes coats.
 - c. She likes animals.
 3. **Weird Willie asks Patty Cake if she wants to**
 - a. walk his dog.
 - b. ride in his car.
 - c. buy his new coat.
 4. **What does Weird Willie do? (Check 2)**

a. He laughs.	d. He winks at Patty Cake.
b. He runs at Patty Cake.	e. He runs away from Patty Cake.
c. He walks home from work.	f. He buys a pet store.
 5. **Patty Cake doesn't like**
 - a. his new car.
 - b. his new vest.
 - c. Weird Willie.
-

WEIRD WILLIE MEETS BABE E. FACE

Say these words:

sad = 

mean = 

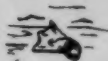
read = 

run = 

book = 

hat = 

hook = 

fin = 

wink = 

Words to know:

am
another
I'm
pull
wouldn't
falls
never

was
idiot
pole
would
couldn't
water
catch

has
other
also
could
wait
until
yell

need
almost
besides
will
still
thing

listen
bad
I'll
there
some
fishing

WEIRD WILLIE MEETS BABE E. FACE



Weird Willie goes to the doctor. He's sad. Willie is still mean. "Did you find a girl?" asks the doctor.

"No," says Willie, "I couldn't find a girl."

The doctor tells Willie that he should find some things to do. "There are other things to do besides find girls," he tells Willie.

"Like what?" asks Willie.



"Listen, Willie, you could read, fish, dance, walk, run or sing. There are lots of things to do!"

"I'm never going to read another book!" says Willie. "The last book was bad. I'll never dance because I can't find a girl. I need a girl to dance. I don't like to run or walk and I wouldn't like to fish!"

"How do you know you wouldn't like to fish?" asks the doctor.



The doctor tells Willie that people are happy because they do things. He tells Willie he will be sad until he does something. Willie wants to be happy so he thinks about fishing. He buys a new fishing pole. Weird Willie also buys a new fishing hat.



Willie finds that he likes fishing. He goes fishing every day for a week. Weird Willie doesn't catch one fish, but he still likes fishing. One day Willie feels something on the fishing pole. "I have a big one!" he yells. Willie can't wait to see what he has on his hook.



Weird Willie pulls and pulls. He almost falls in the water. Willie pulls until he gets his catch in. It is not a fish. It is a girl. She is not happy. "Idiot!" she yells. "Get that hook off my fin!"



Weird Willie laughs. "What a catch!" he says. "My name is Weird Willie. What's your name?"

"My name is Babe E. Face," she says. Weird Willie winks at Babe E. Face. Babe E. Face winks at Willie. Willie looks at Babe E. Face. Babe E. Face looks at Willie. Weird Willie likes Babe E. Face. Babe E. Face likes Weird Willie. Could this be the start of something? Watch out for Weird Willie!

WEIRD WILLIE MEETS BABE E. FACE

Comprehension Check

- 1. Why does Willie go back to the doctor?**
 - a. because he's still sad and mean
 - b. because he wants to read a book
 - c. because he can't walk

 - 2. The doctor tells Willie that people are happy because**
 - a. they know how to run.
 - b. they do things.
 - c. they can't dance.

 - 3. What does Willie buy?**
 - a. a fishing coat
 - b. a fishing hook
 - c. a fishing pole

 - 4. When Willie pulls in his catch, he finds it is a**
 - a. doctor.
 - b. fish.
 - c. girl.

 - 5. How does Babe E. Face feel about Willie?**
 - a. She likes him.
 - b. She doesn't like him.
 - c. She is sad.
-

ALPHABETICAL LIST OF VOCABULARY PRESENTED IN BOOK I

A
a
about
almost
also
always
am
and
animals
another
any
anyway
are
asks
at
away

B
back
bad
be
because
begin
besides
birds
book
buy

C
can
can't
car
catch
coat
come
could

couldn't
cow

D
dance
day
did
didn't
do
doctor
does
doesn't
dog
dollars
don't

E
every
eye

F
falls
feel
fin
find
fish
fishing
for
friend
from
funny

G
get
girl
go

goes
good
going

H
happy
has
hat
have
he
his
home
hook
horse
how

I
idiot
if
I'll
I'm
in
is

J
just

K
know

L
last
laugh
like
listen
look
lot

ALPHABETICAL LIST OF VOCABULARY PRESENTED IN BOOK I

M

maybe
me
mean
meet
my

N

name
never
new
not

O

off
on
one
or
other
out

P

people
pet
pig
pole
pulls

R

read
ready
ride
run

S

sad
say
says
see
should
sing
so
some
something
start
still
store

T

talk
tell
that
that's
the
them
they

think

there
things
to
two

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until

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wait
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want
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MEET LOTTA HART

Say these words:

fix
little
live

bad
had
happen

when
left
husband

Do you know these words?

thing
some
children
her
money

that's
keeps
time
year
getting

even
way
old
ago
all right

along
table
food
feed
their

are
clothes
house
two

MEET LOTTA HART



Lotta Hart has had some bad things happen to her. That's all right. She just keeps on going anyway.



Lotta Hart is happy most of the time. She is happy even when things don't always go her way.

Lotta Hart is 36 years old. She has two children. Their names are Sweet Hart and Little Hart.



Lotta Hart's husband is Chicken Hart. He left Lotta a year ago. "That's all right," says Lotta Hart. "We're getting along all right."

Lotta Hart, Sweet Hart and Little Hart live in an old house. "That's all right," says Lotta. "I like old houses." Lotta Hart has an old car. "That's all right," says Lotta. "I like old cars."



Lotta Hart has an old coat. "That's all right," says Lotta. "It's a good old coat." Lotta Hart doesn't have much money. "That's all right," says Lotta. "I don't really need much money."

Lotta Hart always finds a way to keep food on the table. Even if she has no money, she always feeds her family. Now you know why we call her Lotta Hart. She always looks at things in a happy way.



More than anything, Lotta Hart needs a job. She needs a job to fix her house and car. She needs the money to buy clothes for Little Hart and Sweet Hart. "Good," says Lotta Hart. "I can't wait to find a job."

MEET LOTTA HART

Comprehension Check

1. How old is Lotta Hart?
 - a. 26 years old
 - b. 36 years old
 - c. 56 years old
 2. How many children does Lotta have?
 - a. six
 - b. ten
 - c. two
 3. Lotta Hart, Sweet Hart and Little Hart live in
 - a. an old house.
 - b. an old car.
 - c. a new house.
 4. Why does Lotta need a job? (circle 3)

a. to fix her car	d. to buy an old coat
b. to buy clothes	e. to fix her house
c. to buy a table	f. to keep her car
 5. How does Lotta look at things?
 - a. She looks at things in a sad way.
 - b. She looks at things in a happy way.
 - c. She looks at things in a mean way.
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LOTTA HART LOOKS FOR A JOB

Say these words:

candy	next	job
ad	desk	office
sit	west	under

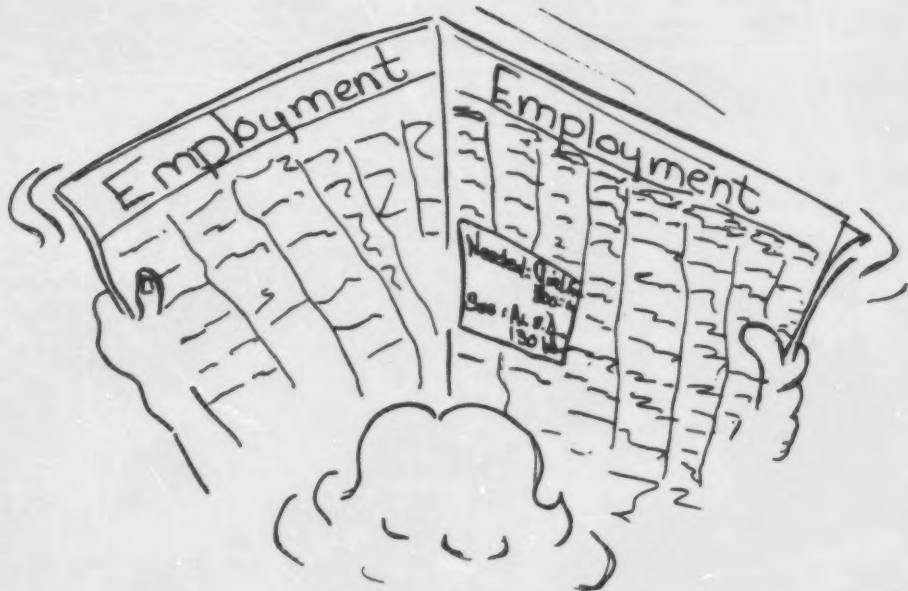
Do you know these words?

all	paper	where	behind	Friday	employment
here	easy	help	please	downtown	government
now	take	right	street	newspaper	clean
same	well	put	smile	shorthand	stop

LOTTA HART LOOKS FOR A JOB



Lotta Hart doesn't know where to begin to look for a job. She calls her friend Candy to ask about how to look for a job. Candy tells Lotta to look in the paper under "Jobs". "Looking for a job is not easy," she tells Lotta. "You should also go to the Employment Office." "The what?" asks Lotta. "The Employment Office!" says Candy. "Employment is the same as jobs. The office is run by the government. They can find a job for you."



Lotta looks in the newspaper to find jobs. She can't find a thing. The newspaper doesn't have jobs. She looks under "Employment" and finds a lot of ads for jobs. An ad catches her eye.

Needed:	girl friday
	\$800.00 month
See:	Al B. Damned
At:	130 West St.,

"That's it!" says Lotta. "I'll take that job."



The next day, Lotta Hart takes a bus downtown. She walks into the office at 130 West Street. A girl at the desk asks Lotta if she can help her. "Yes," she says. "I need to see Al B. Damned." "Go right in," she tells Lotta. Lotta walks into the office. "Please sit down," says the man behind the desk. "My name is Lotta Hart," says Lotta. "Al B. Damned," says the man. He puts out his hand. "I'm very happy to meet you."



Lotta sits down. "Now what can I do for you?" asks Al B. Damned. "Well," says Lotta, "It says here that you need a girl friday. It's Friday today, so here I am!" "Very good!" laughs Al B. Damned. "Do you take shorthand?" he asks. "No," says Lotta, "I would never take anything from you." Al B. Damned smiles. "Do you work now?" he asks. "Yes I do," says Lotta. "Where do you work?" he asks. "At home," says Lotta. "I work all day at home, but I'd like to work here."

Al B. Damned tells Lotta to give her name to the girl at the desk. "When do I begin?" she asks Al B. Damned. "We'll call you," says Al B. Damned.



Lotta Hart goes home happy. She thinks she is going to get the job. Lotta Hart waits for days. She doesn't get a call. "That's all right," says Lotta. "I'll go look for another job." Lotta calls the Employment Office. She asks if they have jobs. They tell Lotta to come to the office. Lotta takes a bus downtown again. The man in the Employment Office tells Lotta to sit down.



"Now what do you do?" he asks. "What?" asks Lotta. "What work do you do?" he asks. "Oh, I don't know," Lotta says. "Can you find a job for me?" "I have to know what you do!" he says. "Where do you work?" Lotta tells him that she works at home. She tells him that she keeps her house clean. "Stop!" he says. "I have a job for you!" He tells Lotta to go to 140 Back Street. "Now I have a job!" says Lotta. "I can fix the car and house."

LOTTA HART LOOKS FOR A JOB

Comprehension Check

1. **Who runs the Employment office?**
 - a. the newspaper
 - b. the government
 - c. the office
 2. **Where does Lotta find an ad for a job?**
 - a. in the newspaper under "Jobs"
 - b. in the newspaper under "Money"
 - c. in the newspaper under "Employment"
 3. **Right after Lotta talks with Al B. Damned, she**
 - a. thinks she got the job.
 - b. is mad because she didn't get the job.
 - c. takes a bus downtown.
 4. **What does the man at the Employment office need to know?**
 - a. how old Lotta is
 - b. why Lotta wants to work
 - c. what work Lotta does
 5. **What do you think Lotta will be doing in her job?**
 - a. cleaning
 - b. sitting
 - c. fishing
-

LOTTA HART GOES TO WORK

Say these words :

fact
asked
pants

log
off
stop

long
mop
boss

fell
yelled
step

up
just
bucket

Do you know these words?

pay
face
said
over

near
made
shoes
late

clean
room
sleep
today

told
hotel
sorry
you're

enough
hour
though
either

been
better
Mr.

LOTTA HART GOES TO WORK



Lotta Hart sleeps like a log. When she gets up, she's happy. Today is the day Lotta begins to work. The man at the Employment Office told Lotta to go to 140 Back Street. He told her to talk to Mr. Buck L. Down.



When Lotta gets off the bus, she looks at where she's going to work. It's a large hotel. Lotta walks into the office. "I need to talk with Buck L. Down," she says. "I'm Buck L. down," he says. "Are you Lotta Hart?" Lotta Hart says yes. "You're late!" he yells. Lotta Hart tells him that she is sorry. "Don't be sorry! Just don't be late!" he yells.



Buck L. Down tells Lotta what to do. Her job is to clean the rooms in the hotel. Lotta asks Buck L. Down about money. "You get \$2.50 an hour," he tells Lotta. Lotta doesn't think that's enough money. But she needs a job, so she goes to work. Lotta has to work long hours for just a little money. "That's all right," says Lotta. "I like to work. In fact I love to work."



Even though Lotta doesn't like her boss, she likes her work. The people who work with Lotta don't like Buck L. Down either. Buck L. Down always yells at the people who work for him. He gets mad every day over something. He got mad at Lotta because she left a bucket of water near the office. Lotta didn't know he would step into the bucket. Buck L. Down got his new pants and shoes wet. That made the people who work for Buck L. Down laugh.



Buck L. Down made Lotta pay for new shoes and pants. The next day, Lotta left a mop next to the office. Buck L. Down fell over the mop. He fell on his face. Lotta asked Buck L. Down if she had to pay for a new face. That made the people who work for Buck L. Down laugh. Buck L. Down yelled at Lotta again. "It's been a bad week," said Lotta. "But that's all right. Next week will be better."

LOTTA HART GOES TO WORK

Comprehension Check

1. When Lotta gets off the bus, she finds she's going to work
 - a. in an office.
 - b. at a large hotel.
 - c. in a bus.
 2. Buck L. Down gets mad at Lotta because
 - a. she doesn't want to work.
 - b. She's sorry.
 - c. she's late.
 3. How much money does Lotta make?
 - a. \$2.50 an hour
 - b. \$3.50 an hour
 - c. \$2.70 an hour
 4. How does Lotta feel about her work? (circle two)
 - a. She doesn't like her job.
 - b. She likes her work.
 - c. She cleans rooms.
 - d. She doesn't think she gets enough money.
 - e. She likes her boss.
 - f. She gets mad.
 5. Why did Buck L. Down fall over a mop?
 - a. Lotta left a mop next to the office.
 - b. Lotta stuck out her leg.
 - c. He fell on his face.
-

LOTTA HART HAS SOME LUCK

Say these words:

gas	much	luck	still	well
passed	uncle	boss	fixed	got

Do you know these words?

pay	hard	phone	change
away	made	dollar	surprise
even	aren't	lawyer	million

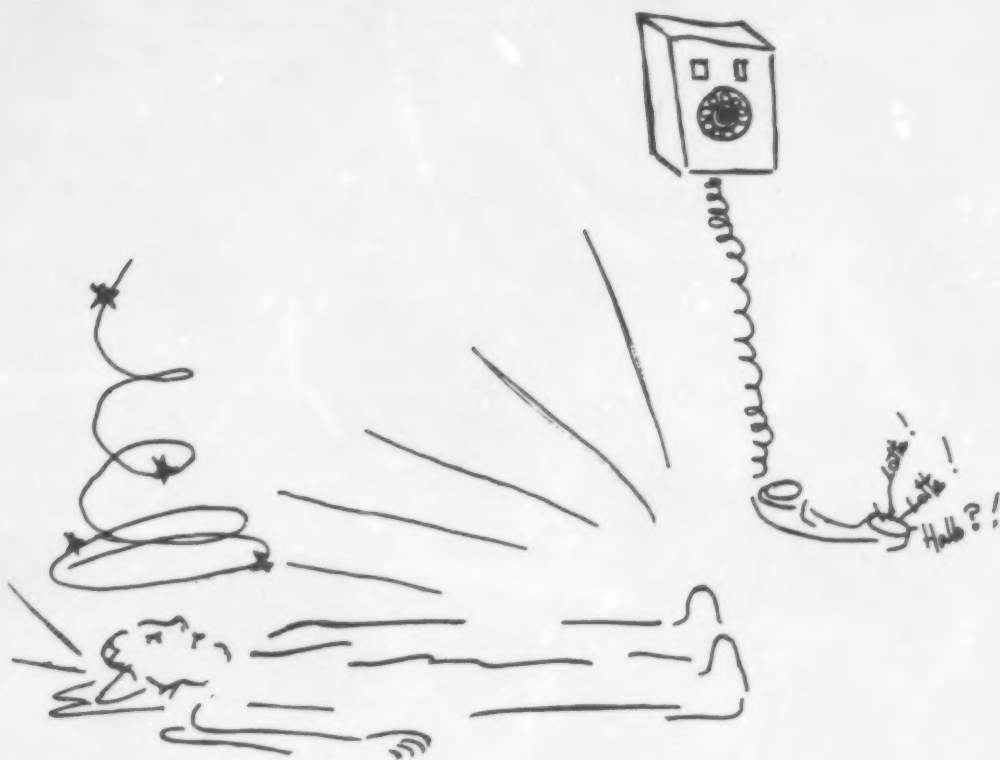
LOTTA HART HAS SOME LUCK



Lotta Hart works at the hotel for two weeks. Even though she works hard, she hasn't made much money. Little Hart and Sweet Hart need new clothes. The house is old and needs work. Her car is old and must be fixed. Lotta Hart doesn't know what to do. The money she makes pays for food, gas and other needs. There isn't enough money left for clothes. There isn't enough money left to fix the car and house.



Things aren't going well at work. Buck L. Down doesn't like Lotta. He yells at Lotta every day. Lotta wants another job, but she doesn't know where to go. Lotta thinks about going back to the Employment Office. When Lotta gets home from work, she tells Little Hart she's going to look for another job. Lotta doesn't know that her luck is about to change.



That night, Lotta gets a phone call. The call is from a lawyer. He tells Lotta that her Uncle Bucks has passed away. "I'm sorry about that," said Lotta. "I didn't even know I had an Uncle Bucks." The lawyer tells Lotta that her Uncle Bucks left some money for her. "How much money?" asks Lotta. "A lot!" says the lawyer. "One million dollars!" Lotta is so happy she can't even talk.



Lotta thinks about what to do with her money. She doesn't go to work for a few days. When she does go to work, she has a surprise for Buck L. Down. When Buck L. Down sees Lotta, he has a few things to say. "Why haven't you come to work? Why didn't you call?" Lotta tells Buck L. Down that she's sorry. "I had some things to do," she says.



"You don't work here anymore!" yells Buck L. Down. "I know," laughs Lotta. "I'm going to buy the hotel." Buck L. Down stops yelling at Lotta. His face changes. "I didn't know you had so much money," he says. Lotta tells Buck L. Down that a long lost uncle left her some money. Buck L. Down asks Lotta Hart if he can keep his job. "No," says Lotta, "I have a new job for you." Buck L. Down still works at the hotel. He cleans rooms. Lotta Hart is the boss now.

LOTTA HART HAS SOME LUCK

Comprehension Check

1. **Why can't Lotta fix her car and house?**
 - a. She doesn't make enough money.
 - b. She doesn't know how.
 - c. She doesn't work hard enough.

 2. **What does she do with her money? (circle two)**

a. She buys clothes.	d. She buys books.
b. She buys food.	e. She buys gas.
c. She buys cars.	f. She buys money.

 3. **What does she think about doing before the phone call?**
 - a. Looking for another job.
 - b. Yelling at Buck L. Down.
 - c. Buying a new house.

 4. **How did Lotta Hart's Luck change?**
 - a. Buck L. Down passed away.
 - b. She left and got another job.
 - c. A long lost uncle left her some money.

 5. **What does Lotta do with her money?**
 - a. She buys the hotel.
 - b. She gives money to Buck L. Down.
 - c. She buys a bus.
-

MEET IMA MESS

Say these words:

stand	shop	rest
apple	bottom	red

Do you know these words?

try	park	thank	telephone
may	your	ahead	company
saw	fill	through	beautiful
out	pile	example	operator

MEET IMA MESS



MEET IMA MESS

Ima Mess never does anything right.

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MEET IMA MESS



Ima Mess never does anything right. It's not that she doesn't try. Things just don't always work out. She wants to help people. Most of the time she just doesn't know how. For example, the other day Ima saw a man who needed some help. He wanted to park his car. He couldn't see behind his car.



Ima Mess always wants to help. She wants to help even if she doesn't know how. Ima tells the man to back up. "You have a lot of room!" says Ima. "Go right ahead!" The man backs into the car behind him. "Thank you very much!" he yells. Ima Mess walks away as if she never saw him before.



Things like this are always happening to Ima. The other day, Ima went to town to shop. She saw a stand filled with beautiful red apples. Ima took an apple from the bottom of the pile. When Ima took the apple, the rest of the apples fell out of the stand. Ima wanted to pay for the apple. The man told her to get away from his stand. "I'll give you ten apples if you'll just stay away!" he said.



Ima Mess works for the Telephone Company. She's an operator. If you need help to make a call, you might need Ima. Ima doesn't do anything right when she's at work either. If you call Ima for help, you may never get your call through. Isn't it good to know Ima Mess is always there to help?

MEET IMA MESS

Comprehension Check

- 1. Ima Mess**
 - a. always does things well.
 - b. never does anything right.
 - c. doesn't want to help.
 - 2. Why can't Ima Mess help people?**
 - a. Most of the time, she doesn't try.
 - b. Most of the time, she feels bad.
 - c. Most of the time, she doesn't know how.
 - 3. After Ima helped the man park his car, he was**
 - a. mad.
 - b. happy.
 - c. mean.
 - 4. The man at the apple stand told Ima to**
 - a. pay for the apples.
 - b. help him pick up the apples.
 - c. get away from his stand.
 - 5. Where does Ima Mess work?**
 - a. at the Employment Office
 - b. at the Telephone Company
 - c. at home
-

ALPHABETICAL LIST OF NEW VOCABULARY PRESENTED IN BOOK 2

A

ad
again
ago
ahead
all
along
an
anything
apple
aren't
as

B

beautiful
been
behind
better
boss
bottom
bucket
but
by

C

call
candy
change
children
clean
clothes
company

D

desk
downtown

E

easy
either
employment
enough
even
example

F

face
fact
feed
fell
few
fill
fix
fixed
food
Friday

G

gas
getting
give
got
government

H

had
happen
hard
hasn't
help
her
here
him

hotel
hour
house
husband

I

I

I'd
isn't

J

job

K

keeps

L

large
late
lawyer
left
little
live
log
long
lost
luck

M

made
man
may
money
month
mop

ALPHABETICAL LIST OF VOCABULARY PRESENT IN BOOK 2 (cont.)

most
much

N
near
need
newspaper
next
now

O
of
off
office
old
operator
over

P
pants
paper
park
passed
pay
phone
pile
please
put

R
really
red

rest
right
room

S
said
same
saw
she
shoes
shop
shorthand
sit
sleep
smile
sorry
stand
stay
step
stop
street
surprise

T
table
take
telephone
ten
thank
that's
their
there

this
though
through
time
today
told
took
try
two

U
uncle
under
up
upon

W
way
we
well
we'll
went
west
when
where
with
would

Y
year
yelled
your
you're

LEVEL 1



THE FUNNYBONE FAMILY SAGA: BOOK 3

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WEIRD WILLIE AND BABE E. FACE

Say these words:

gate	lane	tonight	hope	huge
date	white	life	only	eat
ate	night	hole	open	beware

Do you know these words?

kiss	last	piece	yes	remember
try	swim	patch	lover	Christmas
red	green	door	jump	nervous
tie	black	since	flower	caught
sew	yellow	wear	sock	through
tree	first	shirt	beware	

WEIRD WILLIE AND BABE E. FACE



Remember Weird Willie? When we last saw Weird Willie, he was at the lake with Babe E. Face. Babe E. Face was going for a swim when Willie caught her with his fishing pole. Babe E. Face was mad at the time. Now she likes Weird Willie. Ever since that day at the lake, Weird Willie has been happy. The first thing Willie did was ask Babe E. Face for a date. When she said yes, Willie walked home with a huge smile.



Tonight is the big night. Willie has never been so nervous in his life. He doesn't know what to wear. He doesn't know where they'll go. He doesn't know what to say. Willie is so nervous he puts on one black sock and one red sock. His pants are red. He puts on a green coat with a white tie. His shirt is yellow. Willie looks like a walking Christmas tree.



Willie hopes he gets a goodnight kiss. He just doesn't know if he should try on the first date. Before Willie goes to pick up Babe E. Face, he stops to buy some flowers. Weird Willie buys Babe E. Face some flowers and candy. He stops outside the gate at her house. Willie looks at a sign on the gate. It says "Beware of Dog". Weird Willie doesn't know what beware means. He opens the gate and walks through.



The dog jumps at Weird Willie. "Nice dog!" says Willie. Willie tries to pet the dog. The dog eats the flowers and rips a hole in Willie's pants. By the time Willie gets to the door, he only has one flower. He has a hole in his pants and one piece of candy. Babe E. Face opens the door. "Oh, I see you got to know Spike," laughs Babe E. Face. "Yes," says Willie. "He ate the flowers and candy I got for you."



Babe E. Face tells Weird Willie that Spike likes flowers and candy. "He likes pants tool" says Willie. "See the hole in my pants!"

Babe E. Face laughs at Willie. "Don't worry!" she tells him, "I'll fix your pants." Willie waits while Babe E. Face sews a patch on his pants. "I hope our date goes better than this!" he thinks.

WEIRD WILLIE AND BABE E. FACE

Comprehension Check

1. What was the first thing Willie did?
 - a. He walked home.
 - b. He asked Babe E. Face for a date.
 - c. He went for a ride.

 2. Draw lines from Willie's clothes to the right color.

pants	green
coat	red
tie	black
shirt	yellow
sock	white

 3. "Beware" means
 - a. come in.
 - b. open the gate.
 - c. watch out.

 4. What did Willie buy for Babe E. Face?
 - a. a flower and some candy
 - b. some flowers and candy
 - c. a dog

 5. When the dog jumps at Weird Willie, he
 - a. tries to pet the dog.
 - b. tries to hit the dog.
 - c. tries to run away.
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THE DATE

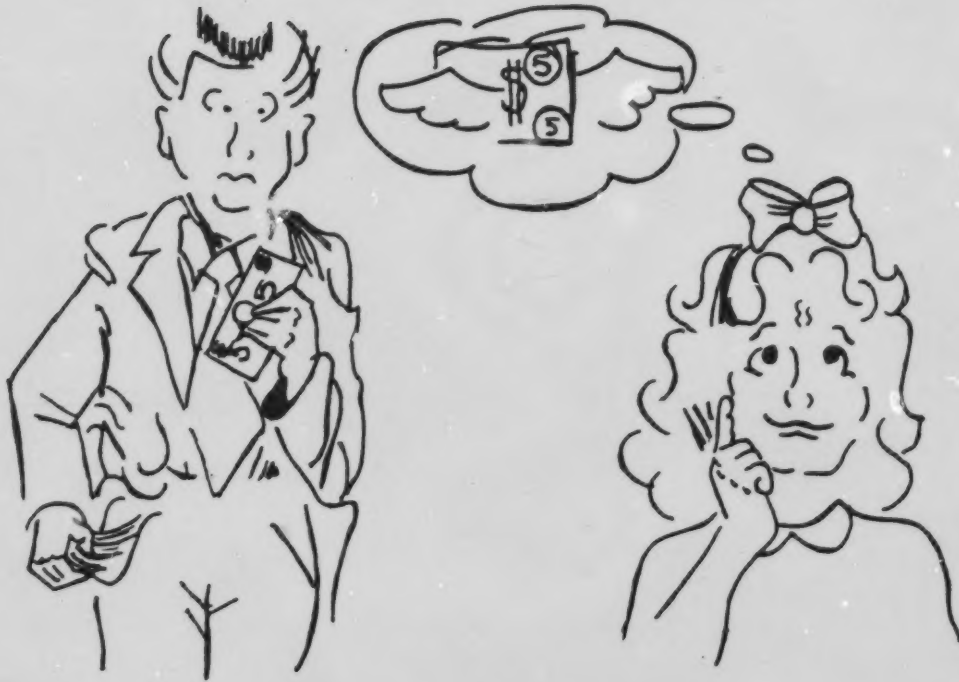
Say these words:

plane	nice	while	coke	before
safe	five	drive	close	believe

Do you know these words?

cost	begin	movie	above	airport	Riverdale
arm	plan	show	around	monster	horrible
idea	their	stick	mouth	brought	wonderful
bring	after	start	thought	beautiful	forget

THE DATE

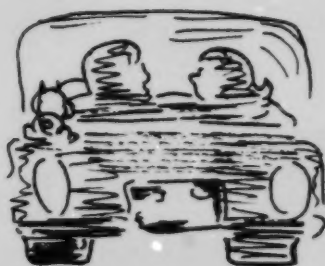
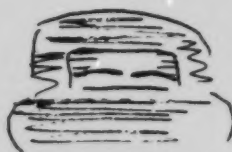
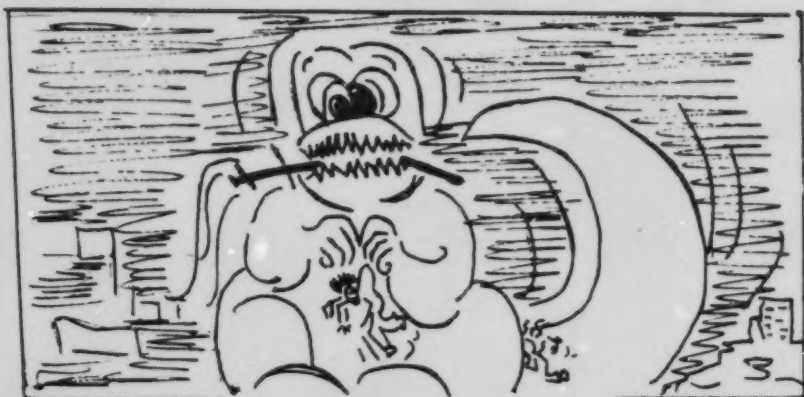


At last! Weird Willie and Babe E. Face are ready to go on their date. Babe E. Face asks Weird Willie where they're going. Willie still doesn't know. "I don't know," he says. "Where do you want to go?" Babe E. Face says that a movie would be nice. "But I only have five dollars!" says Weird Willie.

"Only five dollars!" says Babe E. Face. "What did you plan to do with only five dollars?"



Willie tells Babe E. Face he thought they might go to the airport. "We can watch the planes land," he tells her. Babe E. Face doesn't like that idea. "That's not my idea of a good time," she tells him. Willie asks if she would like to go for a ride. "Fine," she says. "That's better than going to the airport." Babe E. Face is beginning to wonder about Weird Willie. She tells Willie that she wants to see a movie.



Willie knows where a movie is showing. He takes Babe E. Face to the drive-in. He doesn't go to a walk-in because it costs too much. Willie also wants to kiss Babe E. Face. He thinks it will be easy at the drive-in. The name of the movie is "The Monster That Ate Riverdale". Babe E. Face wants something to eat while she watches the movie. Weird Willie buys her some ice cream and a coke.



Willie is waiting for the right time to kiss Babe E. Face. He puts his arm around her. Willie's hand hits the coke. The coke falls on Willie's lap. "Now must not be the time," thinks Willie. After a while, Willie puts his face close to her face. Babe E. Face fills Willie's mouth with ice cream. "Now must not be the time," thinks Weird Willie. Willie moves closer to Babe E. Face. She moves to the other side of the car. "Now must not be the time," thinks Weird Willie.



After the show, Weird Willie and Babe E. Face go for a ride. "Would you like to see a beautiful sight?" asks Willie. When she says yes, Willie takes her to Lover's Lane. Lover's Lane is high above the town. "What beautiful lights!" says Babe E. Face. Willie is still thinking about kissing Babe E. Face. He closes his eyes and sticks out his lips. Willie doesn't know this, but Babe E. Face brought Spike with her. Spike jumps up just before Willie sticks out his lips.



Willie kisses Spike. Spike licks Weird Willie's face. "Spike!" yells Weird Willie, "what a surprise!" Babe E. Face tells Weird Willie that she always takes Spike on her dates. "He helps keep me safe and he likes movies," she says.

"I'll never get a kiss now!" thinks Weird Willie. Weird Willie is ready to go home but the car won't start. Weird Willie can't believe it. He didn't get a kiss and now his car won't start.



"Why won't your car start?" asks Babe E. Face. Weird Willie tells her that he's out of gas. She tells him he can walk to get some gas. Weird Willie doesn't have any money left. He had to use the money for food and the drive-in. Willie tells her he doesn't have any money. She takes a can of gas out of her bag. "This will be enough to get me home," she tells Weird Willie.



Weird Willie walks Spike and Babe E. Face to the door. Willie feels horrible. He doesn't have enough gas to get home. He didn't get to kiss Babe E. Face. Spike bit his pants. He doesn't think Babe E. Face had a good time. He ran out of gas. Babe E. Face looks at Willie. "Thank you for a wonderful time!" she tells Willie. "I hope you take me out again." Babe E. Face puts her arms around Willie and gives him a kiss. Willie is so happy he forgets his car and walks home.

THE DATE

Comprehension Check

1. **Weird Willie wants to take Babe E. Face to**
 - a. the airport.
 - b. a movie.
 - c. the drive-in.
 2. **How much money does Willie have?**
 - a. six dollars
 - b. two dollars
 - c. five dollars
 3. **What did Willie want to do at the airport?**
 - a. catch a plane
 - b. watch the planes land
 - c. go for a plane ride
 4. **Where does Babe E. Face see a beautiful sight?**
 - a. at the airport
 - b. at the drive-in
 - c. at Lover's Lane
 5. **Willie doesn't have to walk to get gas because**
 - a. Babe E. Face gives him a can of gas.
 - b. he gets a ride from his friend.
 - c. he doesn't want to walk for gas.
 6. **After the date, Willie feels**
 - a. mean.
 - b. horrible.
 - c. happy.
-

CHICKEN HART COMES BACK

Say these words:

came	late	able	line	sold
state	save	lie	life	smoke
gave	wave	time	bite	coke

Do you know these words?

cry	love	gift	pretty	potato	Idaho
cries	peel	really	drink	trouble	California
try	great	bought	family	knock	
tries	miss	leave	father	promise	

CHICKEN HART COMES BACK



Remember Lotta Hart? When we last saw her, she had just bought a hotel. Things weren't always so nice for Lotta Hart. There was a time when she didn't have enough money to buy clothes for her children. Her husband Chicken Hart had left her so she had to work. She didn't have enough money to fix her car and house. Just when things were looking bad, Lotta Hart's Uncle Bucks passed away and left her some money. He left her one million dollars! Life has really changed for Lotta Hart.



Yes, things have been great for Lotta Hart. She bought new clothes for her children. She sold her old house and bought a new one. She bought a new car. She gave her old boss a new job cleaning rooms. Things are going so well for Lotta Hart she can't believe it.

Lotta Hart's luck always goes up and down. Right now her luck is up. Lotta doesn't know it, but her luck is about to change again. When Chicken Hart left Lotta Hart, he said he wouldn't come back. Lotta Hart doesn't know this, but Chicken Hart just came into town.



When Chicken Hart left, he went to another state. He got a job in Idaho peeling potatoes. When he found out that Lotta was rich, he came back. He was able to save enough money for a bus ride back to California. Chicken Hart wants some money. Chicken Hart knows that Lotta is mad at him. He has a plan to get back on her good side. The first thing Chicken Hart does is buy Lotta a nice gift. He also buys Sweet Hart and Little Hart some candy. Next, Chicken Hart finds out where Lotta lives.



Chicken Hart knocks at the door. "You!", says Lotta, "why did you come back?"

"I've missed you so much!" says Chicken Hart. Chicken Hart tells Lotta that his life has been horrible without her. He tells her that he loves her. He says he misses their children.

"Don't step over that line!" yells Lotta.

"Won't you please let me in?" asks Chicken Hart. "I'll cry if you don't." Chicken Hart knows that Lotta can't take it if he cries. Lotta Hart loves Chicken Hart. She always has, even though he's big trouble. But Lotta still won't let him in.

"You are so pretty!" he tells her.



"I need to be with you always!" he cries. Lotta tells Chicken Hart she will let him in if he promises to be good. "Anything!" he says. Lotta makes him promise to never stay out late at night. "I promise!" he says. "Promise you won't tell me lies?" asks Lotta. "I'll try," says Chicken Hart. Lotta makes Chicken Hart promise that he won't drink, smoke or go out with other girls. "I'll try," says Chicken Hart. "Do you promise never to leave us again?" asks Lotta Hart. "I'll try." says Chicken Hart. Lotta tells him he better do more than try. "I'll try very hard!" says Chicken Hart. "Well, as long as he tries," thinks Lotta Hart.



Lotta Hart lets Chicken Hart in. "At last!" says Chicken Hart. Sweet Hart and Little Hart are happy to see their father. Chicken Hart hugs and kisses Lotta Hart. Lotta Hart is happy.

"We have a family again," says Lotta. Lotta, Sweet Hart and Little Hart all hope it stays that way. We hope so too.

CHICKEN HART COMES BACK

Comprehension Check

1. How has life changed for Lotta Hart?
 - a. She was rich, but now she doesn't have much money.
 - b. She didn't have much money but now she's rich.
 - c. She left her old job.
 2. What did Lotta do with her money? (Circle 3)
 - a. She bought a new car.
 - b. She bought a new hat.
 - c. She bought a new book.
 - d. She bought a new house.
 - e. She bought a new watch.
 - f. She bought some new clothes.
 3. Why does Chicken Hart come back?
 - a. He misses Lotta.
 - b. He wants to find a job.
 - c. He wants some money.
 4. Put what Chicken Hart does in the right order. Write number 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 on the lines.
 - ___ He knocks at Lotta's door.
 - ___ He rides a bus to California.
 - ___ He finds out where Lotta lives.
 - ___ He buys Lotta a nice gift.
 - ___ He gets a job in Idaho.
 5. Chicken Hart knows that Lotta
 - a. can't take it if he cries.
 - b. can't take it if he comes back.
 - c. doesn't love him.
-

MEET DEAF DAN

Say these words:

fine	live	make	save	Eve
five	quite	wake	tiny	joke

Do you know these words?

hear	neat	heard	along	livestock
with	King	give	upset	hundred
kick	most	yard	sudden	number
milk	ever	wrong	dream	however

MEET DEAF DAN



MEET DEAF DAN: Deaf Dan is old. Because he is old, he can't hear so well.



Because Deaf Dan can't hear so well, he has trouble talking with people. Most of the time, he can't quite make out what they say. He can only hear a little bit. Deaf Dan has a dog named King. King is also old and can't hear very well. They get along just fine. Deaf Dan talks to King all the time. Most of the time, King doesn't hear a word. Deaf Dan is one of the nicest people you'll ever meet. However, right now Dan is quite upset.



Dan is upset because it costs so much to buy food. "How can I save some money?" he asks King. King does not hear a word. Dan spends a lot of money on food. He would like to find a way to buy food for less money. First, Dan goes from store to store to find the best buys. He doesn't save much money because food costs about the same everywhere. Besides, he spends a lot of money on gas for his car. Suddenly, Deaf Dan thinks he has a great idea.



"I'll buy a cow!" thinks Dan. "I'll save money because I won't have to buy milk!" Dan thinks he can keep a cow in his yard. He looks in the newspaper to find a cow for sale. After a while, Dan finds a cow for sale under "Livestock". The ad says:

Cow For Sale
\$500.00
Call Eve
677-2144



Dan calls the number and asks for Eve. "Does she give milk?" he asks.

"At times," says Eve.

"What did you say?" asks Dan.

"I said at times!" yells Eve.

"All kinds!" says Dan. "Great, I'll buy her." Dan buys the cow for five hundred dollars. He hopes the cow gives a lot of milk. Deaf Dan knows that it will take a lot of milk to make up for the \$500.00.



That night, he sleeps like a baby. Dan dreams about all the money he will save. He dreams about all the milk he will have. When Dan wakes up, he is happy. Today is the day Deaf Dan is going to milk his cow. Deaf Dan has never milked a cow before. He doesn't know the first thing about milking a cow. That doesn't stop Dan.



He gets a bucket and walks through the back door into the yard. Deaf Dan places the bucket under his cow. He pulls at the cow. The cow kicks Dan. Dan gets up and pulls at the cow again. The cow kicks Dan again. Now Dan is really mad. He doesn't know why the cow won't give any milk. "What am I doing wrong?" he asks King. King can't hear a word that Dan says.



Dan calls Eve again. "She won't give any milk if she's mad," Eve tells Dan. "Sing to her to make her happy. When she's happy, she gives milk." Deaf Dan sings to the cow to make her happy. He sings for hours. He even tells the cow some jokes. Deaf Dan's dog can't stand the jokes because he has heard them before. When Dan thinks the cow is happy, he tries to milk her again.



Dan pulls at the cow. The cow gives only a tiny bit of milk. Now Dan is really upset. "More milk!" he yells at the cow. The cow kicks Deaf Dan. Dan doesn't have a cow any longer. He has quite a lot of meat, but no cow.

MEET DEAF DAN

Comprehension Check

1. **Why can't Deaf Dan hear so well?**
 - a. because he doesn't want to hear
 - b. because he is old
 - c. because he can't see very well
 2. **Deaf Dan is upset because**
 - a. King can't hear a word.
 - b. he doesn't have a job.
 - c. It costs so much to buy food.
 3. **Deaf Dan buys a cow because he wants**
 - a. to save money on milk.
 - b. to have a lot of meat.
 - c. to have a friend for King.
 4. **Where does he find out about the cow for sale?**
 - a. a friend tells him about the cow.
 - b. in the newspaper
 - c. at the store
 5. **What does Dan do so the cow will give milk?**
 - a. He kicks the cow.
 - b. He sings to the cow.
 - c. He tells King to bite the cow.
 6. **Why doesn't Dan have a cow any longer?**
 - a. He sold the cow.
 - b. He used the cow for meat.
 - c. He gave the cow back to Eve.
-

ALPHABETICAL LIST OF NEW VOCABULARY PRESENTED IN BOOK 3

A

able
above
after
airport
arm
around
ate

B

baby
back
before
beginning
believe
beware
big
bit
black
bought
bring
brought

C

California
came
caught
Christmas
close
coke
cost
cry - cries

D

date
door

down
dream
drink
drive-in

E

eat
Eve
ever

F

family
father
fine
first
five
flower
forget
found

G

gate
gave
gift
great
green

H

hand
hear
heard
he's
hole
hope
horrible

however
huge
hundred

I

ice cream
Idaho
idea
I've

J

joke
jump

K

kick
kind
king
kiss
knock

L

land
lane
late
leave
lick
lie
life
line
lips
livestock
longer
love
lover

ALPHABETICAL LIST OF VOCABULARY PRESENTED IN BOOK 3

M

mad
make
meat
milk
miss
monster
more
mouth
move
movie
must

N

nervous
nice
night
number

O

only
open
our
outside

P

patch
peel
piece
plan
plane
potato
pretty
promise

Q

quite

R

remember
rich
rip
Riverdale

S

safe
sale
save
sew
shirt
show
side
sight
sign
since
smoke
sock
sold
spend
spike
state
stitch
sudden
suddenly
swim

T

than
thought
through
tie
tiny
tonight
too
tree
trouble
try - tries

U

upset
use

W

wake
walked
wear
weren't
while
white
without
wonder
wonderful
word
worry
wrong

Y

yard
yellow

LEVEL 1



THE FUNNYBONE FAMILY SAGA: BOOK 4

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THE CARD GAME

Before you read:

Say these words:

sleep	blink	glass	play	draw	from
slip	blame	stand	place	drunk	front
slice	growl	stupid	prepare	twelve	friend
sleeve	queen	scream	smart	twice	trouble
			quite	switch	drink

Do you know these words?

tired	ace	deal	serious	far	two
extra	once	soon	awhile	so	card
let	pair	each	boys	him	game
three	roll	mirror	cheese	well	was
they	kind	lose	kitchen	cheat	

THE CARD GAME



Tonight is the big night. Every Friday night, Chicken Hart, Deaf Dan and Weird Willie play cards. Chicken Hart, Deaf Dan and Weird Willie have been friends for years. Last Friday the game was at Weird Willie's place. This Friday, the game will be at Chicken Hart's place. They switch places every week. Most of the time, Chicken Hart wins because he cheats.



Since Chicken Hart got back with Lotta Hart, things have gone pretty well. So far, Lotta has been happy with him. Lotta made him promise not to smoke, drink or go out with other girls. Lotta is in the kitchen preparing slices of cheese and meat for the boys.

Weird Willie brought Babe E. Face with him. Babe E. Face and Weird Willie have been going out for quite awhile. It looks like it's getting serious. Deaf Dan brought his dog King with him. Deaf Dan has lost a lot of money the last two weeks. But tonight, he has a plan to win some money.



Deaf Dan's plan is to use his dog to win. King is going to sit behind Weird Willie and Chicken Hart. King is going to let Dan know what they have in their hands. If either Chicken Hart or Willie has a two, King is going to blink twice. If either has an ace, he's going to blink once. If either has a pair, King is going to growl once. If either has a queen, he will stand up. If either has a jack or king, he will roll over. If either has three of a kind, he will growl twice.

Chicken Hart has a plan also. He has some extra cards up his sleeve. Weird Willie doesn't have a plan. He isn't smart enough to have a plan.



Everyone is ready. Deaf Dan deals five cards to each player. Weird Willie bets a nickel. Chicken Hart bets a dime. Chicken Hart, Dan and Willie all take three cards. Now Deaf Dan asks Willie to bet. "Pass," says Willie. "What did you call me?" asks Deaf Dan. "I said pass!" Willie tells him.

Now Deaf Dan looks at King. King blinks three times and growls. Deaf Dan knows that Willie has a pair of threes. Next, King blinks, stands up and growls twice. Dan knows that Chicken Hart has three queens. "What's the trouble with your dog?" asks Chicken Hart. "Nothing," Dan says. "He's just having fun."



Deaf Dan has three kings so he bets twelve dollars. He wins. Dan wins the next six hands. King keeps blinking, standing and growling. Chicken Hart is getting mad. He knows Dan is cheating. He just doesn't know how. While Deaf Dan is winning money he drinks one glass of wine after another. Pretty soon Dan is drunk. Now he not only can't hear very well, he can't see very well either.

Deaf Dan starts to lose hands because he can't see King stand or blink. He still blames King when he loses. King gets mad at Deaf Dan and goes to sleep. He got tired of helping him anyway.



Now Chicken Hart starts to win. When he doesn't draw a good hand, he slips a card from his sleeve into his hand. Deaf Dan and Chicken Hart are mad at each other. They yell at each other because each one knows the other is cheating.

All of a sudden, Weird Willie sees that he's in front of a mirror. When he looks up, he can see the cards in their hands. Willie gets a good hand and bets all of his money. Deaf Dan and Chicken Hart think he's stupid so they bet all their money. Weird Willie wins the money. Now Dan and Chicken Hart are mad at Willie.



Babe E. Face can't believe what's happening. Chicken Hart, Deaf Dan and Weird Willie are all screaming at each other. Lotta Hart runs into the room. "That's it Boys!" she yells. "The game is over for tonight!" "Why do they play cards if they scream at each other?" asks Babe E. Face. "They do this every week," Lotta tells her. "They scream at each other and I tell them the game is over. Then they're all friends again."

Weird Willie, Babe E. Face, Deaf Dan and King all go together. "Nice game," says Chicken Hart. "See you all next week!"

THE CARD GAME

Comprehension Check

1. **When do Chicken Hart, Weird Willie and Deaf Dan play cards?**
 - a. every night
 - b. every Friday night
 - c. every Sunday night
 2. **Why does Chicken Hart win most of the time?**
 - a. He's so smart.
 - b. He cheats.
 - c. He has a lot of luck.
 3. **If King blinks once and growls twice, Deaf Dan knows**
 - a. that King is sick.
 - b. that someone has a pair of queens.
 - c. that someone has three aces.
 4. **Why does Deaf Dan start to lose?**
 - a. He has bad luck.
 - b. He doesn't know how to play cards.
 - c. He gets drunk and can't see very well.
 5. **Weird Willie bets all of his money because**
 - a. he knows what Chicken Hart and Dan have in their hands.
 - b. he doesn't want to play cards.
 - c. he isn't very smart.
 6. **When the game is over, they are all**
 - a. mad at each other.
 - b. friends again.
 - c. ready to play another hand.
-

MEET U.R. STUCK

Before you read:

Say these words:

bright	trouble	great	close	three
brush	place	greed	sleep	friend
stay	play	grab	slam	from
stop	skill	drive	pretty	snake
street	smile	swim	square	
own	crook	clock	scream	

Do you know these words?

sell	nothing	ring	mine	goodbye
anything	north	doorbell	hide	policeman
anyone	pool	gone	finally	
seem	bond	mother	sign	
own	later	turn	contract	

MEET U.R. STUCK



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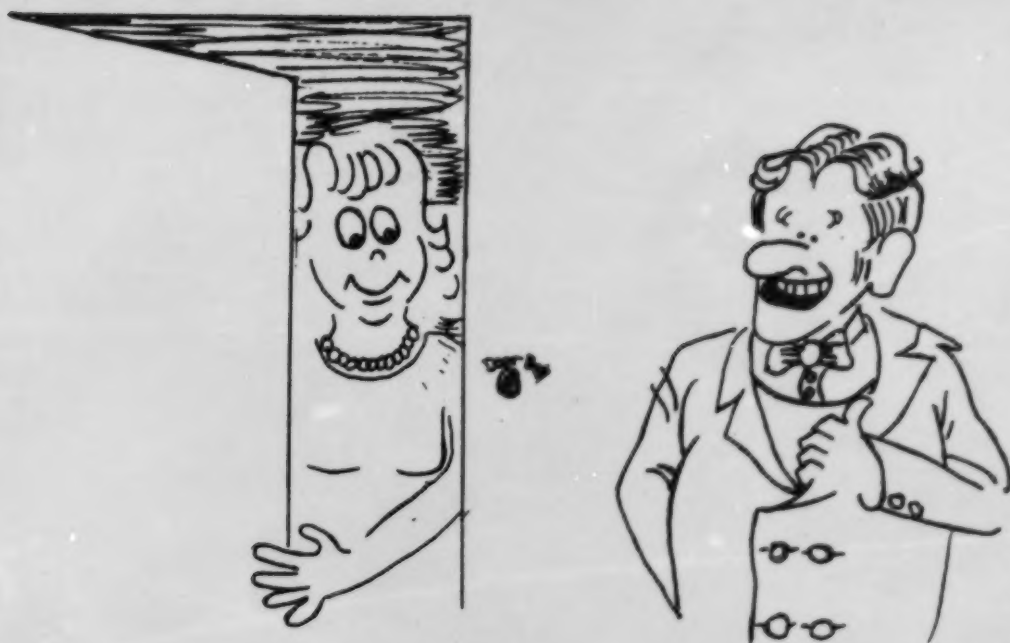
U. R. Stuck is one of the brightest people you'll ever meet. He's not one of the nicest. U. R. Stuck has had a lot of jobs. He never stays at a job too long. He never stays because he gets into trouble. He doesn't stay in one place for very long either. He goes from place to place to run from people he has met. U. R. Stuck has one great skill. He knows how to sell! He can sell just about anything to just about anyone. He has a beautiful smile. He seems very nice until you get to know him.



U. R. Stuck has another great skill. He knows people. He knows what they like and what they think. He plays on greed. U. R. Stuck makes people think they are getting something for nothing. U. R. Stuck has had many jobs. He has sold ice cubes to people who live at the North Pole. He has sold money to rich people. He has sold swimming pools to people who can't swim. He has sold clocks to people who can't tell time. Once he even sold Government Bonds to the Government.



U. R. Stuck has just come into the sleepy little town of Riverdale. The people of Riverdale are in for some trouble. Today, U. R. Stuck has a box of brushes to sell. He rings one doorbell after another. Some people just slam the door in his face. Other people listen for awhile and then slam the door in his face. Finally, U. R. Stuck sells his box of brushes to a little old lady. He tells her the brushes will last forever. Of course they won't last forever. They last about 3 days. But by the time the brushes are gone, so is U. R. Stuck.



Now U. R. Stuck rings the doorbell at Lotta Hart's house. Lotta opens the door. "Well good morning Miss." he says. "Is your mother in?" "My mother?" says Lotta. "Oh no. i'm my mother. I mean . . . no she isn't. I mean . . . I'm the mother." "I see," says U. R. "You mean a pretty young girl like you is already a mother?" Lotta's face turns red. She tries to hide a smile

"I just want to ask you one thing this morning. How would you like to buy the Town Square?" "The Town Square!" says Lotta. "I didn't know I could buy the Town Square." "Isn't it great how people can do just about anything when they want to!" says U. R. Stuck. Lotta says yes.



Lotta talks with U. R. for three hours. U. R. tells her about all the great things she can do if she buys the Town Square. Finally, U. R. asks Lotta to sign a contract. "How much do I have to pay?" she asks. "Only \$50.00," says U. R. Lotta gives U. R. the money and signs the contract. "I wish I could stay and talk," U. R. tells her, "but I have some places to go." Lotta says goodbye.

Lotta closes the door. She thinks she owns the Town Square. "The Town Square is mine!" she yells. Lotta calls her friends and tells them about her great buy. Later that day, Lotta drives downtown to see her Town Square.



Lotta drives her car right into the Town Square. A policeman walks up to the car. "You can't stop here Lotta! Stop in the lot over there!" Lotta tells him she can stop wherever she wants to stop. "The Town Square is mine now," she says. "You mean you own the Town Square?" he asks. "Yes," Lotta smiles. The policeman laughs. He tells Lotta she can't buy the Town Square. He tells her the Town Square can't be sold. "But I just bought it for \$50.00!" she says. The policeman laughs again. "Here!" Lotta says. "This contract says I own it." She gives the contract to the policeman.



The policeman tells Lotta the contract doesn't say she owns the Town Square. Just then, Lotta sees U. R. Stuck walking down the street. "Crook!" she yells. "That's the snake that sold me the Town Square!" she screams. The policeman grabs U. R. Stuck. He asks U. R. if he sold Lotta the Town Square. "No," says U. R. "I didn't sell her the Town Square. I never told her she could buy the Town Square. I just asked her if she wanted to buy it. I never said it was mine!" Lotta asks for her money back. "I'm sorry," says U. R. Stuck. "Read the contract. It says you'll pay me \$50.00 for talking to you."



Lotta finally reads the contract. It says just what U. R. Stuck said it did. The policeman tells Lotta she should read before she signs anything. "I'm sorry Lotta," says the policeman. "I can't do anything because you signed the contract. You should always read contracts. That way, you know what you're buying."

Lotta is so mad she wants to scream. "I'll never buy anything from that crook!" she yells. "Now, now," says the policeman. There is one thing the policeman didn't tell Lotta. Last year, U. R. Stuck sold the policeman First Street. He found out the hard way too.

MEET U.R. STUCK

Comprehension Check

1. **Why has U. R. Stuck had a lot of jobs?**
 - a. He likes to work.
 - b. He gets into trouble.
 - c. He is very bright.
2. **What is U. R. Stuck's one great skill?**
 - a. He has a beautiful smile.
 - b. He knows how to sell.
 - c. He seems very nice.
3. **Why is U. R. Stuck so good at sales? (Circle two)**

a. He knows people.	d. He can tell time.
b. He has had many jobs.	e. He plays on greed.
c. He can't swim.	f. He gives something for nothing.
4. **U. R. Stuck tells the little old lady that the brushes**
 - a. will last about three days.
 - b. will last about a week.
 - c. will last forever.
5. **When U. R. Stuck goes, Lotta thinks**
 - a. she owns the Town Square.
 - b. she owns a contract.
 - c. that she got something for nothing.

MEET U.R. STUCK

Comprehension Check

- 6. How much does Lotta pay U. R. Stuck?**
 - a. \$30.00
 - b. \$20.00
 - c. \$50.00

 - 7. U. R. Stuck**
 - a. told Lotta she could buy the Town Square.
 - b. didn't tell Lotta she could buy the Town Square.
 - c. told Lotta she could buy the town.

 - 8. The policeman tells Lotta she should**
 - a. slam the door in U. R. Stuck's face.
 - b. get her money back from him.
 - c. always read contracts.

 - 9. The policeman didn't tell Lotta that**
 - a. she should read contracts.
 - b. he was sorry.
 - c. U. R. Stuck sold him First Street.
-

WEIRD WILLIE MEETS U.R. STUCK

Before you read:

Say these words:

still	drive	grass	smile	friend	crook
strut	drag	grab	question	from	flat
spray	black	great	three	trouble	spea
snake	blame	grow	square	try	station
spend	brag	free	through	pride	

Do you know these words?

everyone	paint	may	best
forgot	good	joy	without
tires	morning	hair	himself
neighborhood	sir	four	pill
bald	head	same	jail
wrong	careful	police	seen

WEIRD WILLIE MEETS U.R. STUCK



U. R. Stuck is still in town. Ever since he sold the Town Square to Lotta Hart, he hasn't had much luck. Lotta Hart told everyone not to buy anything from him. But she forgot to tell Weird Willie about U. R. Stuck.

Today, U. R. Stuck is trying to sell tires. He is passing through Weird Willie's neighborhood. The tires he is going to sell are old. They are so bad they only last about a week. U. R. Stuck used black paint to make them look new. Weird Willie is about to meet U. R. Stuck.



Willie is spraying his grass when U. R. Stuck walks up to him. "Good Morning!" says U. R., "May I speak with you sir?" Willie says yes. "I just have one question for you this morning. Would you like to have tires that last for five years?" "Five years!" says Willie. "Would I ever!" U. R. Stuck smiles. "Well let me show you my pride and joy sir. There is just no telling how long these tires will last." Weird Willie looks at the tires. "They look good," he says. "Did you say they will last five years!" U. R. Stuck smiles again.



"I have used these tires to drive with for five years!" he tells Willie. "They've been on my car for five long years!" Willie asks him if he drives a lot. U. R. Stuck tells him he drives every day. "I'll sell you four of the same tires for only three hundred dollars!" he tells Willie. Willie thinks about buying the tires. He thinks they cost too much money. "I can't spend that much money!" he says. "Now listen," says U. R. "Because you're my friend, I'll let you have them for only two hundred dollars!" Willie still thinks that's a lot of money but he buys them anyway.



Weird Willie thinks he got a great deal. He believes the tires will last for five years. He brags to his friends about how he has the best tires in town. He tells his girlfriend, Babe E. Face, about his great deal. Babe E. Face asks Willie where he bought the tires. "I bought them from this great friend named U. R. Stuck," he tells her. "U. R. Stuck!" says Babe E. Face. "Lotta Hart told me never to buy anything from him. He's a crook!" "No way!" says Willie. "He told me these tires will last for five years." Babe E. Face tries to tell Willie about U. R. Stuck, but he won't listen. "You'll find out Willie," she tells him.



Willie is still happy with his new tires. He drives for a week without any trouble. "You see!" he tells Babe E. Face. "I told you the tires were good." That night, Willie takes Babe E. Face to a movie. When they come out of the movie, Willie can't believe what he sees. All four tires on his car are flat. "See!" Babe E. Face says. "That crook!" yells Willie. "That snake! He sold me tires that were bad!" Weird Willie is mad. He talks to himself the rest of the night. "When I find him, he's going to be in big trouble," he tells Babe E. Face.



It takes Willie three days to find U. R. Stuck. When he finds him, U. R. Stuck is trying to sell pills to a bald man. "These pills will grow hair on your head," he tells the bald man. "Stop!" yells Willie. "Don't buy anything from him. He's a crook!" Willie grabs U. R. Stuck by the neck. He drags U. R. to the Police Station. Willie tells the policeman at the desk that U. R. should go to jail. U. R. tells him he didn't do anything wrong. "You can't blame me if the tires didn't last," he tells Willie. "I didn't tell you they would last. You must be a bad driver."



Now Willie is really upset. "He said they would last for five years!" he tells the policeman. "No I didn't" says U. R. "I asked him if he would like tires that last five years. I didn't say I had any." "You told me you used the same tires for five years!" yells Willie. "I know," says U. R. Stuck. "I did use the tires for five years. Then I sold them to you. I didn't say they were new tires!"

The policeman tells Weird Willie he has to let U. R. Stuck go free. "I'm sorry Willie," he says. "There is nothing I can do. You should be more careful before you buy anything." U. R. Stuck struts out of the police station. "You haven't seen the last of me," he tells them.

WEIRD WILLIE MEETS U.R. STUCK

Comprehension Check

- 1. Why doesn't Weird Willie know about U. R. Stuck?**
 - a. He can't hear so well.
 - b. Chicken Hart forgot to tell Weird Willie.
 - c. Lotta Hart forgot to tell Weird Willie.

 - 2. Does U. R. Stuck tell Willie the tires will last for five years?**
yes no

 - 3. How long did the tires last?**
 - a. a week
 - b. two weeks
 - c. two days

 - 4. When Willie finds U. R. Stuck, he's**
 - a. on his way to jail.
 - b. selling brushes.
 - c. selling pills to a bald man.

 - 5. U. R. Stuck sold Weird Willie**
 - a. some new tires
 - b. his old tires.
 - c. two old tires.

 - 6. The policeman told Weird Willie he should**
 - a. be less careful before he buys anything.
 - b. be more careful before he buys anything.
 - c. be more careless before he buys anything.
-

DEAF DAN MEETS U.R. STUCK

Before you read:

Say these words:

brush	try	French	glass	crook
break	tried	friend	glad	block
bring	truck	free	price	spit
grapes	three	drink	probably	floor
great	throw	drive	spring	plan
grab	thrill	square	scare	

Do you know these words?

few	understand	around	lend
case	fine	sure	pour
wag	tail	party	invite
surprise	awhile	vinegar	bottle

DEAF DAN MEETS U. R. STUCK



Now many of the people in Riverdale know about U. R. Stuck. It doesn't take long for word to get around. He sold Lotta Hart the Town Square. He sold Weird Willie some bad tires. He sold a box of old brushes to a little old lady. U. R. Stuck has been in town for three weeks. Now he has only a few things left to sell.

Deaf Dan is one of the few people who don't know about U. R. Stuck. Lotta Hart and Weird Willie tried to tell him about U. R. Deaf Dan didn't understand because he can't hear so well.



Lotta told Deaf Dan that U. R. would try to take money from him. Deaf Dan thought she said U. R. would try to make money for him. Weird Willie told Dan not to spend money when U. R. comes around. Deaf Dan thought he said not to lend money when U. R. comes around.

It's a beautiful spring morning when U. R. rings Deaf Dan's doorbell. Dan opens the door. "Good morning sir, I'm U. R. Stuck," he says. "Nice to meet you Mr. Truck," says Dan. "No, no," says U. R., "U. R. Stuck!" "No!" Says Dan. "I'm Deaf Dan, not Mr. Stuck." U. R. can't believe how hard it is to talk with Deaf Dan.



"How would you like to buy a case of French wine?" asks U. R. Dan loves to drink good wine. He asks U. R. how much the wine will cost. "For you, because you're my friend, only \$40.00!" Dan thinks \$40.00 is a good price for a case of good French wine. Dan asks U. R. how old the wine is. "Very old," says U. R. U. R. tells about all the fine grapes used to make the wine. He tells Dan that old wine is great wine. Dan still isn't sure about the wine. U. R. asks Deaf Dan to try a glass. "I'd be glad to!" says Dan. "Now this is fine French wine!" he tells Dan. Dan asks U. R. to pour some wine for his dog King.



Deaf Dan and his dog King try the wine. King wags his tail. Dan thinks the wine is great. "Would you like to buy this case of wine?" asks U.R. Deaf Dan says yes. He gives U.R. \$40.00. U.R. gives Dan a case of old French wine. U. R. Stuck drives away happy.

Deaf Dan is so happy he wants to throw a party for his friends. He calls Weird Willie, Babe E. Face, Lotta Hart, Chicken Hart and Ima Mess. He is so thrilled he even invites U. R. Stuck. Deaf Dan plans to break out his wine for the party.



Everyone comes to Deaf Dan's Party. Even U. R. Stuck! Lotta Hart and Weird Willie are surprised that U. R. Stuck is at the party. "Why did you invite him?" she asks Dan. "He's a crook!" Dan tells Lotta that U. R. is a good friend.

Dan brings out his case of wine. He tells everyone he has a surprise. "I want you all to try some of my old French wine," he tells them. Just then, U. R. Stuck gets up. "I'm sorry Dan," he says. "I have to go. I have a date." Weird Willie blocks the door and tells U. R. to stay awhile. Dan pours a glass of wine for everyone. "And now," says Deaf Dan, "here's to all my friends!" Lotta Hart is scared to try the wine. She knows that U. R. sold the wine to Dan.



Deaf Dan, Chicken Hart and Weird Willie all take a big drink. Deaf Dan spits out his wine on the floor. "This is horrible!" he yells. He looks at U. R. Stuck. "This wine is bad! It's vinegar!" U. R. Stuck looks at Deaf Dan. "I told you it was old French wine," he says. "I didn't say it was good French wine, just old French wine." Dan asks U. R. about the wine he gave him to taste. U. R. tells Dan that the wine was good French wine. "But I don't have any more to sell," he says. "I didn't say the wine I sold you was good French wine."

Deaf Dan is really mad. He grabs U. R. Stuck. Chicken Hart tells Willie and Lotta Hart that he has an idea.



Chicken Hart talks with Deaf Dan. Deaf Dan looks at U. R. Stuck. "Here U. R.!" he says. "Since you are a good friend, I'm going to give you some free wine." He tells Dan he will give him his money back. "No, no!" says Dan. "You gave me a great deal. Now, I'm going to give you a great deal."

Weird Willie makes U. R. Stuck drink a bottle of the old wine. Then Chicken Hart makes him buy the rest of the case for \$50.00. Then U. R. Stuck runs out of the house. U. R. probably won't sell a case of bad wine again. Riverdale has seen the last of U. R. Stuck for awhile. Who knows? He may come back someday.

DEAF DAN MEETS U.R. STUCK

Comprehension Check

1. Match the name with what was bought.

<u> </u> Lotta Hart	a. wine
<u> </u> Deaf Dan	b. box of brushes
<u> </u> Weird Willie	c. Town Square
<u> </u> Little Old Lady	d. tires

 2. Why didn't Deaf Dan know about U. R. Stuck?
 - a. Lotta Hart forgot to tell him.
 - b. Weird Willie forgot to tell him.
 - c. He didn't understand.

 3. When U. R. Stuck rings Dan's doorbell,
 - a. it's a spring morning.
 - b. it's a fall morning.
 - c. it's a summer morning.

 4. U. R. Stuck tells Deaf Dan that the wine
 - a. is fine French wine.
 - b. is \$50.00 a case.
 - c. is old French wine.

 5. U. R. Stuck wants to leave the party because
 - a. He has a date.
 - b. He knows the wine is bad.
 - c. He doesn't like wine.
-

ALPHABETICAL LIST OF NEW VOCABULARY PRESENTED IN BOOK 4

A

ace
already
anyone
awhile

B

bald
best
bet
black
blame
blink
bond
bottle
box
brag
break
bright
brush

C

card
careful
case
cheat
cheese
clock
contract
course
crook
cube

D

deal
desk

doorbell
drag
draw
drunk

E

each
everyone
extra

F

far
finally
flat
floor
forever
forgot
four
free
French
fun

G

game
glad
glass
gone
good bye
grab
grapes
grass
great
greed
grow
growl

H

hair
head
helping
hide
himself

I

invite

J

jail
joy

K

kitchen

L

lady
later
lend
lose

M

many
may
met
mine
mirror
miss
morning
mother

N

neck
neighborhood

ALPHABETICAL LIST OF VOCABULARY PRESENTED IN BOOK 4

north
nothing

O
once
own

P
paint
pair
party
pill
place
play
player
police
policeman
pool
pour
prepare
price
pride
probably

Q
queen
question

R
ring
roll

S
scare
scream
sell
seem
serious
sign
sir
six
skill
slam
sleeve
slice
slip
smart
snake
soon
sorry
speak
spit
spray
spring
square
station
stand
strut
stupid
sure
swim
switch

T
tail
they're
three
thrill
throw
tired
tires
tried
truck
turn
twelve
twice

U
understand
use
used

V
vinegar

W
wag
wherever
win
wine
wish

Y
young

LEVEL 1



THE FUNNYBONE FAMILY SAGA: BOOK 5

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THE BIG NIGHT: PART I

Say these words:

just	list	hand	ask
last	least	cent	desk
cost	spend	want	left
best	find	front	bump
first	weekend	plant	

Do you know these words?

lazy	park	such	worry	nervous	special
brave	grease	family	worries	favorite	reservation
taste	menu	quiet	marry	waiter	restaurant
thank	key	breath	marriage	usually	order

THE BIG NIGHT: PART I



Weird Willie and Babe E. Face have been going out for a year now. Ever since the day Willie caught Babe E. Face at the lake, he has been in love with her. Babe E. Face likes Weird Willie a lot. She's just not sure she's in love with him.

Babe E. Face wants to marry someday and have a family. She worries a lot about Weird Willie. Willie is lazy sometimes. He gets mad all the time. He doesn't like to spend a cent. He doesn't get along with people very well. He doesn't know very much and he has bad breath. Still, Babe E. Face knows that he is always good to her. She knows it would be hard to find anyone who loves her like Willie. She just doesn't know if their marriage would last.



Willie wants to marry Babe E. Face but he's scared to ask her. They've been going out almost every weekend for a year. Most of the time, he takes her to a movie. Then they stop at Willie's favorite restaurant, The Grease Pit. The Grease Pit isn't Babe E. Face's favorite place. She usually gets sick after eating there. Willie takes her there because it doesn't cost very much.

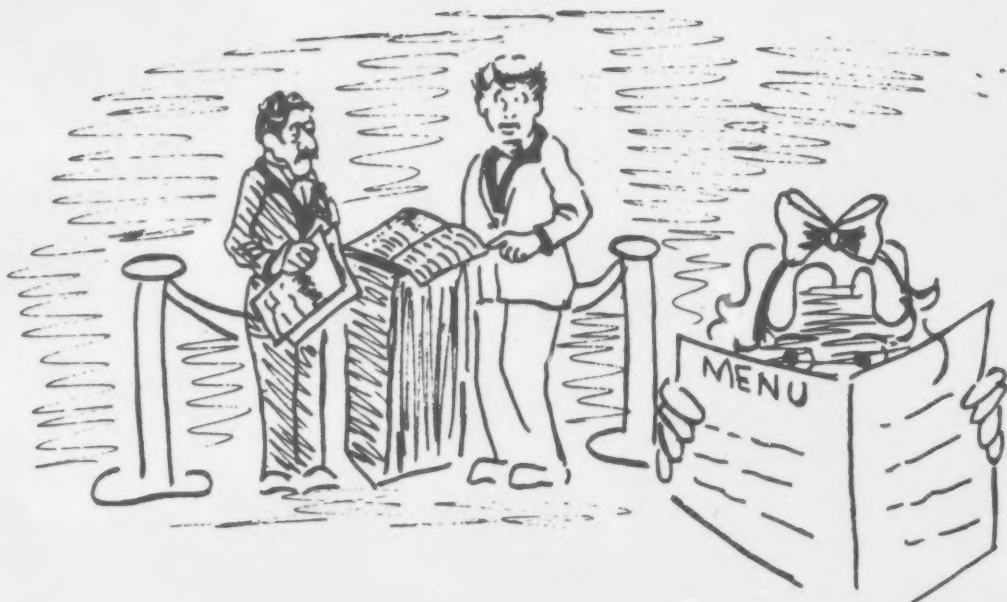
This weekend, Willie has a surprise for Babe E. Face. He has been saving money for a month. He wants to take her to a nice place to eat. He's going to take her to the best restaurant in town. Willie also has another surprise. He's going to ask Babe E. Face to marry him.



Tonight is the big night. Willie feels almost like it's their first date. He is nervous. He hopes he is brave enough to ask her. Willie walks up to her front door. As usual, Babe E. Face's dog Spike tries to bite him.

Willie tells Babe E. Face he is taking her to the best restaurant in town. Babe E. Face is surprised. She asks Willie why they're going to such a good restaurant. "Tonight is a special night," he tells her.

"What's so special about tonight?" she asks. Willie can't say anything because he's still so nervous. Weird Willie wants to wait for just the right time. "You'll see," he tells her.



Willie pulls up in front of the restaurant. A man asks Willie for the keys to his car. Willie asks him why. "To take your car sir," he says.

"What!" says Willie, "you want to take my car!" Babe E. Face bumps Willie. She tells him that the man only wants to park the car. "They do that at nice restaurants", she tells Willie.

On the way into the restaurant, Willie bumps into a plant just inside the door. Next, he goes up to the desk and asks for a table. "Do you have a reservation?" the man asks.

"Reservation!" Willie says. "No, I think I left it at home." They tell Weird Willie he will have to wait for a table. "How many are in your party sir?" he asks Willie.

"Party!" Willie says. "We just want to eat. I don't want a party!" Babe E. Face tells Willie that he is asking how many people are going to eat. Babe E. Face and Weird Willie have to wait for two hours.



"There are always tables at the Grease Pit!" he tells Babe E. Face. Finally, the head waiter tells them their table is ready. Willie tells him he wants the best table in the restaurant. The waiter takes them to a nice table and tells them to have a good meal. He stands next to the table. Babe E. Face bumps Willie. "Give him some money," she says. Willie gives the head waiter 50 cents. The waiter gives Weird Willie a mean look and walks off. Babe E. Face tells Willie he should give the head waiter at least two dollars.

Another waiter hands Weird Willie and Babe E. Face the menus. Willie's eyes almost pop out of his head. The prices are high. Willie looks at the wine list. There are no prices on the wine list. Willie thinks the prices must be low. He orders a bottle of wine from the list. "You have very good taste sir," says the waiter. "Thank you," says Willie.



As Willie eats, he thinks about asking Babe E. Face to marry him. He is so nervous he spills a glass of water on the table. Babe E. Face asks him why he's so quiet. "I'm just thinking about something", he tells her. "You know we've been going out for a long time now."

"Yes, we've been going out for quite awhile Willie." she says.

"We have a lot of fun when we go out, don't we?" he asks.

"Yes Willie, we have a lot of fun when we go out."

"Good!" he says. "I know we do and I just wanted to ask you something. How ... how would you ... would you like ... would you like another glass of wine?" Babe E. Face says yes.

Willie just can't seem to ask her to marry him. He doesn't think it's the right time. Will he ever think it's the right time?

THE BIG NIGHT: PART I

Comprehension Check

1. **What is Weird Willie like? (Circle 3)**
 - a. He's lazy sometimes.
 - b. He has bad breath.
 - c. He gets along with people.
 - d. He doesn't like to spend a cent.
 - e. He is always happy.
 - f. He knows a lot.
2. **Babe E. Face isn't sure she wants to marry Willie because**
 - a. he has bad breath and he isn't smart.
 - b. he wants to have a family.
 - c. she doesn't know if their marriage would last.
3. **Willie doesn't ask Babe E. Face to marry him right away because**
 - a. he isn't sure he wants to marry.
 - b. he's waiting for the right time.
 - c. he's scared Spike will bite him.
4. **Why is Willie surprised that the man wants to take his keys?**
 - a. He thinks the man is going to take his car.
 - b. He thinks the man is going to park his car.
 - c. He thinks the man is going to bump his car.
5. **What should Willie have done before he went to the restaurant?**
 - a. He should have parked his car.
 - b. He should have made a reservation.
 - c. He should have asked Babe E. Face to marry him.

THE BIG NIGHT: PART I

Comprehension Check

6. How long did Willie and Babe E. Face have to wait?
 - a. two hours
 - b. one hour
 - c. three hours
 7. "How many are in your party?" means
 - a. how many are going to your party
 - b. how many tables do you want
 - c. how many are going to eat
 8. Why does the head waiter get mad at Willie?
 - a. Willie doesn't order a bottle of wine.
 - b. Willie doesn't give him enough money.
 - c. Willie gives him a mean look.
 9. Willie asks Babe E. Face
 - a. to marry him.
 - b. if she wants another glass of wine.
 - c. why she's so quiet.
-

THE BIG NIGHT: PART II

Say these words:

cost	stand	spend	stamp	cent
fist	hand	fifty	bump	want
last	mind	fifteen	jump	front
find	fond	gift	lump	ask

Do you know these words?

acting	usually	twenty	women	pocket
strange	dinner	might	throat	nobody
understand	finish	high	ring	shake
least	per cent	alone	perfect	wrong

THE BIG NIGHT: PART II



While Babe E. Face and Weird Willie are eating, Babe E. Face thinks about him. Willie is acting strange tonight and Babe E. Face doesn't know why. Usually, Willie talks a lot. But tonight, he hasn't said very much. He starts to talk to her and stops. Babe E. Face thinks Willie wants to tell her something. She doesn't know what it is.

Babe E. Face and Weird Willie have a nice dinner. After Willie finishes the last bite, he asks the waiter for the bill. Willie calls the waiter again. "This bill can't be right!" he tells the waiter. "It says that the wine cost fifty dollars!"

"That's right sir," says the waiter. "You have very good taste. The bill is \$90.00."



Willie asks Babe E. Face how much he should give the waiter for a tip. "At least fifteen per cent," Babe E. Face tells him. "If you think the waiter is really good, give him twenty per cent." Weird Willie doesn't know what per cent means. He thinks Babe E. Face means fifteen or twenty cents. Willie usually gives the waiter at the Grease Pit a dollar. Since this is a nice restaurant, Willie decides to give the waiter two dollars. He walks up to the waiter and hands the money to him. "This is because you did such a great job!" he tells the waiter. As Willie and Babe E. Face walk out the door, the waiter stamps his foot and shakes his fist at Willie. "What's wrong with him?" asks Willie.



Next, Willie asks the man out front where he can find his car. He tells Willie they'll bring his car to him. After they bring the car out front, the man stands by the door with his hand out. Babe E. Face bumps Willie. "Give him some money," says Babe E. Face. Willie gives the man a dime. The man gives the dime back. Willie smiles. "See!" he tells Babe E. Face. "Not everyone wants money."

Willie is very quiet as they drive along. He is still thinking about asking Babe E. Face to marry him. Willie decides to drive up to Lover's Lane. Babe E. Face is getting nervous. She has never seen Weird Willie so quiet before. Now she has an idea that Willie might ask her to marry him.



Willie parks the car high above the city of Riverdale. Babe E. Face looks at Willie. "Listen Willie," she says. "Tell me what's on your mind. You've been so quiet tonight. You must be thinking of something?"

"Yes I have," says Willie. "I ... I love you!" Babe E. Face doesn't know what to say.

"I ... I like you too Willie."

"No, no," says Willie, "I love you."

"I'm very fond of you too," says Babe E. Face. Babe E. Face just isn't sure she loves Willie. Babe E. Face asks Willie to take her home.

Willie still wants to ask Babe E. Face to marry him. As he walks Babe E. Face to her door, he asks if he can come in. Babe E. Face says yes.



Babe E. Face's dog Spike jumps out and growls at Willie. Finally, Willie thinks it's the right time. Weird Willie takes a small box out of his pocket. "I have a gift for you," he tells Babe E. Face. Babe E. Face opens the gift. It's a beautiful ring. "Will you marry me?" Willie asks.

"I'm sorry Willie," she tells him. "I can't take this gift. I can't marry you."

Willie can't understand why she doesn't want to marry him. Willie asks her why. Babe E. Face tells Willie that she's not sure she loves him. Willie tells her that maybe she will when they get married. Babe E. Face tells Willie that she worries about some of the things he does.



Babe E. Face tells Willie that he is lazy sometimes. "You get mad all the time!" she tells him. "You don't like to spend a cent. You're not very smart. You don't get along with people very well and you have bad breath!"

Willie looks at her. "Well nobody's perfect!" he says. Babe E. Face gives the ring back to Willie.

"I'm sorry," she says. Babe E. Face feels bad. Willie has a lump in his throat. He runs out into the night. Willie throws the ring away. He slams his fist on the car. "Women," he yells, "are no good!" Willie drives home alone and sad. It's been a bad night for Weird Willie. "That's the last time I'll ever see her!" he says.

THE BIG NIGHT: PART II

Comprehension Check

1. **The food that Willie and Babe E. Face ate**
 - a. cost more than the wine.
 - b. cost less than the wine.
 - c. cost as much as the wine.
 2. **What per cent does Babe E. Face tell Willie to give the waiter?**
 - a. ten or twenty per cent
 - b. fifteen or twenty per cent
 - c. fifty or twenty per cent
 3. **Willie should have left the waiter about**
 - a. five dollars.
 - b. fifteen dollars.
 - c. twenty-five dollars.
 4. **Babe E. Face tells Willie that**
 - a. she loves him.
 - b. she can't stand him.
 - c. she is fond of him.
 5. **What can't Weird Willie understand?**
 - a. why he has bad breath
 - b. why she won't marry him
 - c. why he's not perfect
 6. **Willie slams his fist on the car because**
 - a. he's so upset.
 - b. he's out of gas.
 - c. Spike bit him.
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BABE E. FACE MEETS LUV R. BOY

Say these words:

spend	stand	first	spent
found	friend	last	ask
behind	wind	almost	desk
second	find	front	lamp
weekend	most	want	jump

Do you know these words?

women	strong	married	problem
threw	picked	question	company
school	finger	locked	handsome
bulb	mirror	bathroom	employment

BABE E. FACE MEETS LUV R. BOY



Meet Luv R. Boy

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BABE E. FACE MEETS LUV R. BOY



Most people think Luv R. Boy is good looking. Luv R. Boy thinks Luv R. Boy is good looking. Many women think he's handsome. He doesn't get along very well with most men. Luv R. Boy spends two hours every morning in front of his mirror. He wants to make sure every hair on his head is in the right place. The last thing Luv R. Boy does in the morning is kiss his mirror. Luv R. Boy doesn't have many friends. He hasn't found anyone he likes more than himself. He believes he's the most handsome man in Riverdale. Babe E. Face is going to meet Luv R. Boy today. Luv R. Boy is going to look for a job in the office where Babe E. Face works.



Luv R. Boy is everything Weird Willie is not. Willie is lazy sometimes. Luv R. Boy is never lazy. Willie gets mad all the time. Luv R. Boy is never mad. Willie doesn't like to spend much money. Luv R. Boy spends money all the time. Willie isn't very smart. Luv R. Boy is very smart. Willie has bad breath. Luv R. Boy doesn't have bad breath because he brushes his teeth every three hours.

Babe E. Face works in the Employment Office of the Riverdale Lamp Company. Babe E. Face talks to people who want to work for the Company. She tries to find out if they have enough skill for the job. Babe E. Face is sitting behind her desk when Luv R. Boy walks in. She takes one look at Luv R. Boy and likes him.



Luv R. Boy: **Are you Miss Face?**

Babe E. Face: **Yes. Please sit down Mr. Boy.**

Luv R. Boy: **You can call me Luv if you'd like to Miss Face.**

Babe E. Face: **Thank you. What job do you want Luv?**

Luv R. Boy: **(winks at Babe E. Face) I would like a job working with you Miss Face.**

Babe E. Face: **I ... I'm sorry. There are only two jobs open. There is no job open in my office. One job is selling light bulbs and the other is cleaning bathrooms.**

Luv R. Boy: **I think I'll try selling light bulbs.**

Babe E. Face: **Wait just a second. I have to ask you some questions Luv.**

Luv R. Boy: **Go right ahead Miss Face.**



Babe E. Face: **How old are you?**

Luv R. Boy: **I'm thirty years old.**

Babe E. Face: **How tall are you?**

Luv R. Boy: **I'm six feet tall.**

Babe E. Face: **Ooohh! Are you married Luv?**

Luv R. Boy: **No, Miss Face, I'm not married.**

Babe E. Face: **Great! I mean you can call me Babe if you'd like to.**

Luv R. Boy: **Do I get the job Babe?**

Babe E. Face: **Have you ever sold light bulbs before?**

Luv R. Boy: **No. But I used to sell cars.**

Babe E. Face: **Wellll ... cars have light bulbs. That's almost like selling light bulbs. The job is yours Luv.**

Luv R. Boy: **Great! Would you like to go to lunch with me Babe?**

Babe E. Face: **I'd love to.**

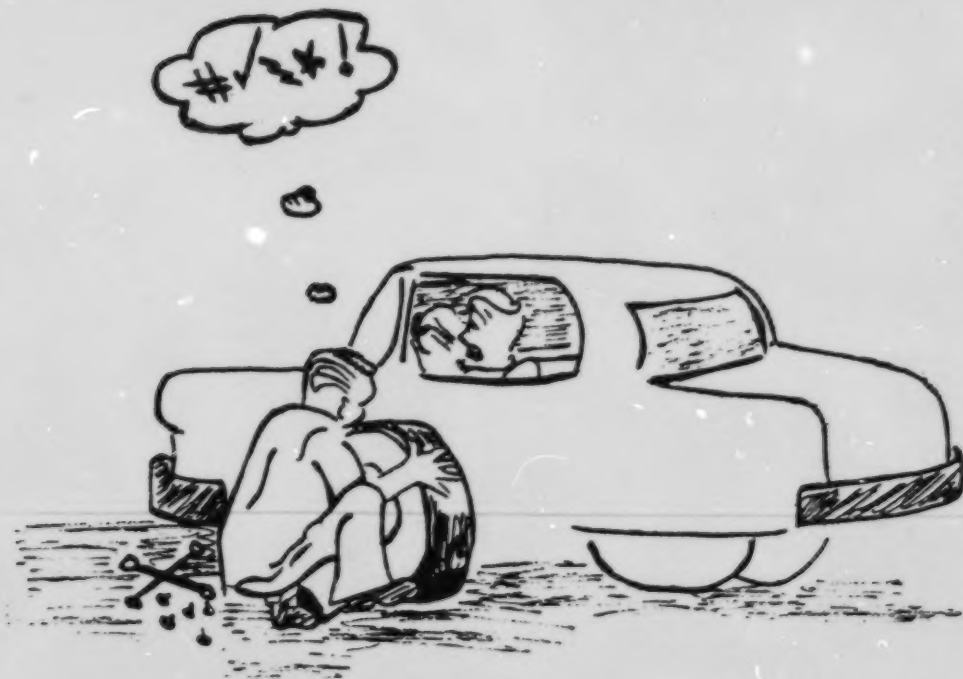


Luv R. Boy takes her to lunch. While they are eating, Luv R. Boy asks her for a date. She says yes. During the next month, they go out every weekend. Babe E. Face doesn't really know him. Luv R. Boy is taking out other girls all the time. He has a date every other night. Luv R. Boy tells her that she is the only girl for him.

While Luv R. Boy and Babe E. Face are going out and having a good time, Weird Willie is at home. Willie locked himself in his house for a month after his last date with Babe E. Face. Willie is mad at the world. He doesn't want to talk with anyone or go anywhere. Weird Willie knows Luv R. Boy. They were in the same class in school. Willie didn't like him very much then. He knows that Babe E. Face is going out with him. Now he can't stand Luv R. Boy.



Babe E. Face and Luv R. Boy are driving to Lover's Lane when Babe E. Face's car gets a flat tire. "No problem," says Babe E. Face. "I have another tire in the back." Luv R. Boy tells Babe E. Face she can change the tire. She asks Luv R. Boy why he can't change the tire. "I would," he says, "but it's windy and I don't want to mess up my hair." She looks at Luv R. Boy. She tells him that it's not windy outside. "I don't want to get my hands dirty," he tells her. "I have new shoes on and I can't get them dirty. I spent two hours on my hair this morning. Why don't you change the tire?" Babe E. Face isn't strong enough to get the old tire off. She doesn't know what to do. Finally, she decides to call Willie.



She calls Willie and tells him she's in trouble. Even though Willie is mad at Babe E. Face, he still loves her. Willie walks out to change the tire. While Willie changes the tire, Luv R. Boy stays inside the car and brushes his hair.

Babe E. Face thinks back to the day she first met Willie. Willie caught her with his fishing pole while she was swimming in a lake. She thinks about all the fun they've had. She looks at Luv R. Boy. Luv R. Boy is looking at himself in the mirror.

When Willie finishes changing the tire, Luv R. Boy looks at Willie. "Thanks friend," he says. "Sorry I can't give you a ride back to town. Babe and I are going to Lover's Lane." Babe E. Face tells Luv R. Boy to get out of the car and out of her life. Weird Willie pulls him out of the car.



Weird Willie and Babe E. Face drive off together. When they get to Babe E. Face's house, she invites him in. Babe E. Face tells Willie she's sorry about their last date. "I know I didn't act right," she tells him. "I know now that I'm not perfect either." She tells Willie that she loves him even though he has bad breath. "Do you still want to marry me?" she asks.

"Yes!" cries Willie. He jumps into the air. "But the ring!" he yells. "I threw it away!" Just then, Spike walks in the door. He has something stuck in his teeth. Weird Willie looks at Spike. "The ring!" he yells. "Spike must have picked it up the night I threw it away!" Willie takes the ring from Spike's teeth and puts it on Babe E. Face's finger. Spike, Weird Willie and Babe E. Face couldn't be more happy than they are now. What next?

BABE E. FACE MEETS LUV R. BOY

Comprehension Check

1. **What is the last thing Luv R. Boy does in the morning?**
 - a. brush his teeth
 - b. brush his hair
 - c. kiss his mirror
 2. **When Babe E. Face first meets Luv R. Boy**
 - a. she likes him.
 - b. she hates him.
 - c. she thinks about marrying him.
 3. **Luv R. Boy gets a job**
 - a. cleaning the bathrooms.
 - b. selling light bulbs.
 - c. selling cars.
 4. **Is Babe E. Face the only girlfriend Luv R. Boy has?**

yesno
 5. **Luv R. Boy doesn't want to change the tire because**
 - a. he doesn't know how.
 - b. he doesn't want to mess up his hair.
 - c. he's lazy.
 6. **Babe E. Face probably got rid of Luv R. Boy**
 - a. because he likes himself so much.
 - b. because he doesn't know how to change tires.
 - c. because he doesn't like Weird Willie.
-

THE WEDDING

Say these words:

last	twenty	rent	blend
just	plenty	front	around
list	print	spent	stand
best	sent	left	bump
test	went	gift	lamp

Do you know these words?

rice	wife	blood	husband	wedding	pillow
wrong	satin	forgot	minister	picture	tuxedo
maid	church	health	license	parents	blender
bride	honor	hiccup	seated	discount	invitation

THE WEDDING



Babe E. Face and Weird Willie made wedding plans on their last date. They decided to have a small wedding. They invited about twenty people. They spent awhile just to make a list of things to do for the wedding. Willie couldn't believe how many things there were to do.

Willie asked Deaf Dan to be his best man. Deaf Dan said yes. It is Deaf Dan's job to make sure the wedding goes well. Babe E. Face asked Lotta Hart to be her maid of honor. It is Lotta Hart's job to help Babe E. Face get ready for the wedding.



Babe E. Face and Willie set the date for their wedding. They decided to get married the first of May. They talked with Father Happy, a minister from their church. Father Happy decided to marry them. Babe E. Face made sure the invitations were printed and sent. She also had to buy a wedding dress.

Willie and Babe E. Face had to take a blood test to make sure they were in good health. They went to the Riverdale City Hall to get a marriage license. Willie had to pay about six dollars. They had to show that they had taken blood tests to get the license.



They went together to pick out the wedding rings. Willie had to rent a tuxedo. Babe E. Face went to rent a place for a party after the wedding.

Finally, the day of the wedding came. Weird Willie sat alone in a little room next to the church. He was scared and nervous. Lotta Hari was helping Babe E. Face put on her wedding dress. Babe E. Face was nervous and happy. Deaf Dan forgot where to seat Babe E. Face's parents. He seated them on the right side. He should have seated them on the left side. He took Weird Willie's parents to the wrong seats too.



As the wedding begins, Dan trips and falls on his face in front of everyone. Willie is so nervous he has the hiccups. He can't stop. Babe E. Face looks beautiful. She is wearing a long white wedding dress. Sweet Hart and Little Hart walk behind Babe E. Face. They are carrying the rings on little satin pillows.

As Father Happy talks, Weird Willie hiccups. "Do you, Babe E. Face, take this man, Weird Willie, as your husband?" asks Father Happy.

"I do," says Babe E. Face.

"Do you, Weird Willie, take this woman, Babe E. Face, as your wife?"

Willie tries to talk. "I...hic...hic...dol" Father Happy looks at Deaf Dan. "And now the rings please," he says.



Deaf Dan thought Father Happy said, "and now sing please . . ." Deaf Dan starts to sing. Weird Willie bumps him and asks him for the ring. Father Happy looks at Willie. "You may now kiss the bride," he says. Deaf Dan thought Father Happy was talking to him so he kisses Babe E. Face. Weird Willie doesn't know what to do so he kisses Lotta Hart. Lotta Hart doesn't know what to do so she kisses Father Happy. Father Happy tells Willie and Babe E. Face that they are now man and wife. "Best of Luck," he tells them. "You're really going to need it!"



Now everyone is waiting out front for Willie and Babe E. Face. Willie told Dan to make sure there was plenty of rice to throw. Dan thought he said plenty of ice. When Willie and Babe E. Face walk out, Dan starts throwing ice while everyone else throws rice.

Everyone goes to the party after the wedding. While people are standing around, Willie opens the wedding gifts. U.R. Stuck gives them a twenty per cent discount on some lamps he is selling. Chicken and Lotta Hart give them money. They're going to use the money to go to Las Vegas. Ima Mess gives them a blender. Deaf Dan gives them a blender. Luv R. Boy gives them a picture of himself.



When Willie opens the last gift, he writes down what they have. They have some money, a discount, a picture and twelve blenders.

The party goes on until late afternoon. Deaf Dan tells Willie that he will take care of the gifts. Babe E. Face and Weird Willie decide to go to Las Vegas that night. Everyone stands around Willie's car. Their friends wave and wish them good luck. Willie, Babe E. Face and Spike drive off into the sunset.

THE WEDDING

Comprehension Check

1. What things did Willie and Babe E. Face have to do to get ready for the wedding? (Circle 4)
 - a. take a blood test
 - b. print invitations
 - c. buy gifts
 - d. go to Las Vegas
 - e. pick out the rings
 - f. get a marriage license
 2. It is Deaf Dan's job to
 - a. print the invitations.
 - b. make sure the wedding goes well.
 - c. make a list of things to do.
 3. How do you know Willie is nervous?
 - a. He runs away from the wedding.
 - b. He forgets what to say.
 - c. He gets the hiccups.
 4. Match the gift with the name.

a. a discount	_____ Chicken Hart
b. blender	_____ Ima Mess
c. money	_____ U. R. Stuck
d. picture	_____ Luv R. Boy
 5. How long does the party go on?
 - a. until 12 o'clock
 - b. until 9 o'clock at night
 - c. until late afternoon
-

NEW VOCABULARY INTRODUCED IN BOOK 5

A
act
afternoon
air
alone
anywhere

B
bathroom
blend
bill
bite
blender
blood
brave
breath
bride
bulb
bump

C
cent
church
class

D
decide
dinner
dirty
discount
during

F
favorite
fifteen
fifty
finger
finish
fist
fond
front

G
grease

H
hall
handsome
health
hiccup
high
honor

I
inside
invitation

J
just

K
key

L
lamp
Las Vegas
lazy
least
license
list
lock
low
lump

M
maid
marriage
married
marry
men
menu
might
mind
minister

N
night
nobody

O
order

P
parents
per cent

perfect
picked
picture
pillow
plant
plenty
pocket
print
problem

Q
quiet

R
rent
reservation
restaurant
rice

S
satin
school
seated
second
sent
set
shake
sick
someday
sometimes
special
stamp

strange
strong
stuck
such

T
tall
test
they'll
thirty
threw
throat
time
trips
tuxedo
twenty

U
usual
usually

W
waiter
wedding
weekend
wife
windy
women
world
worries

Y
you'd

LEVEL 2



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TROUBLE WITH LITTLE HART

Before you read:

Say these words:

thousand	math	chicken	wrong	know
third	father	cherries	wrench	knee
thank	other	teacher	rough	when
think	then	much	tough	what
with	should	lunch	enough	whistle
then	she	bunch	knuckle	phone

Do you know these words?

school	sex	dirty	classroom	guess
sign	quite	grade	slow	fight
done	spank	serious	being	flap
box	cute	count	us	alone

TROUBLE WITH LITTLE HART



Lotta Hart's son Little Hart is 8 years old. He has always done well in school. But this year has been a rough year for Little Hart. Lotta Hart and Chicken Hart are worried about him. Mrs. Knuckles, Little Hart's teacher, is also worried. He is always late for school. He gets into fights with other children. His work in school has been bad. He doesn't talk to other kids. He doesn't have any friends. He can't sit still and he talks back to Mrs. Knuckles. Mrs. Knuckles doesn't quite know what to do. She doesn't know what's wrong with him.



WEDNESDAY

Little Hart has just come late to class for the third time this week.

Mrs. Knuckles: Little Hart! You're late again! How many times have I told you not to be late?

Little Hart: I don't know, about a thousand times I guess...

Mrs. Knuckles: Well, why are you late this time?

Little Hart: I'm late because of you Mrs. Knuckles.

Mrs. Knuckles: What? Because of me? What do you mean?

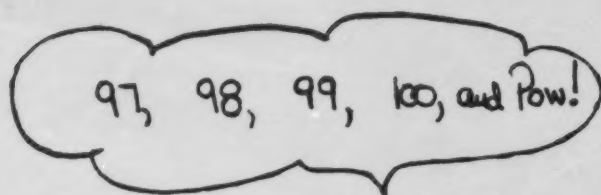
Little Hart: You told me to always do what signs tell you to do.

Mrs. Knuckles: That's right Little Hart. We should always do what signs tell us to do. What does that have to do with being late?

Little Hart: I was running to school when I saw the sign.

Mrs. Knuckles: What sign?

Little Hart: The sign down the street. It says "Children, Go Slow". I'm late because I had to go slow.



THURSDAY

Mrs. Knuckles has just caught Little Hart fighting again. She drags him into the classroom to talk.

Mrs. Knuckles: How many times have I told you not to fight?

Little Hart: I dont know, about a thousand times I guess...

Mrs. Knuckles: What did I tell you to do when you get mad and want to fight?

Little Hart: You told me to count to 100 and then see if I'm still mad.

Mrs. Knuckles: Well? Did you count to 100?

Little Hart: Yes Mrs. Knuckles.

Mrs. Knuckles: Well what happened then?

Little Hart: I counted to 100. But I was still mad, so I hit him.



FRIDAY

Mrs. Knuckles is teaching math to her class. Little Hart hasn't said a word so she decides to ask him some questions.

Mrs. Knuckles: Little Hart. If Tim gave you one wrench and Sally gave you two wrenches, how many would you have?

Little Hart: Five.

Mrs. Knuckles: Five? Let me say that again. If Tim gave you one wrench and Sally gave you two wrenches, how many would you have?

Little Hart: Five Mrs. Knuckles.

Mrs. Knuckles: But Tim only gave you one! Sally only gave you two!

Little Hart: I know. But I already have two wrenches at home. That makes five.



FRIDAY

Mrs. Knuckles: **Let's try another question. If you have five cherries, and you eat two, how many do you have?**

Little Hart: **Five Mrs. Knuckles.**

Mrs. Knuckles: **Five! How can you have five if you eat two?**

Little Hart: **You still have five, two inside and three outside.**

Mrs. Knuckles can't take any more. She tells the class to read their books. After a while, Little Hart starts whistling. "Little Hart!" says Mrs. Knuckles. "Don't whistle while you read!" A little later, he starts whistling again. "Little Hart," she says. "Didn't I tell you not to whistle while you read!"

"Yes you did Mrs. Knuckles, but I'm not reading right now."



THE NEXT WEEK.....

Mrs. Knuckles is very happy. She graded math papers over the weekend. Little Hart did quite well on his math paper.

Mrs. Knuckles: Little Hart, I'm very pleased with you.

Little Hart: Thank you Mrs. Knuckles. Why are you so pleased with me?

Mrs. Knuckles: You got a 90 per cent on your math paper. It makes me very happy to see you do so well.

Little Hart: If it makes you so happy, why don't you give me 100 per cent?

Mrs. Knuckles: How cute! Good work Little Hart!

Little Hart: I'll have to thank my father.

Mrs. Knuckles: What! Didn't I tell you that your father couldn't help you on that paper?

Little Hart: Yes you did Mrs. Knuckles. He didn't help me. He did it all by himself.



Mrs. Knuckles can't take any more. She decides to phone Lotta Hart. She asks if Lotta and Chicken Hart can come to school and talk. Chicken Hart hasn't been spending much time at home, so Lotta goes alone.

Mrs. Knuckles tells Lotta that she's worried about Little Hart. "Has he been any trouble at home?" she asks.

"Yes!" says Lotta. "I had to spank him for reading a dirty book the other day."

"What book?" asks Mrs. Knuckles.

"I found the book under his bed," says Lotta. "It's named 'Sex for Third Graders'."

"Oh my!" says Mrs. Knuckles. "That book isn't even on our reading list!"



Lotta Hart talks with Mrs. Knuckles for an hour. She tells Mrs. Knuckles to phone her if Little Hart gives her any more trouble. A week later, Lotta is at home when the phone rings. It's Mrs. Knuckles. "Has Little Hart been giving you trouble?" asks Lotta.

"I don't know how to tell you this Mrs. Hart," says Mrs. Knuckles. "It's more serious than that. He won't talk to anyone. He stays in a box during playtime. He walks on his hands and knees. He flaps his arms and he won't eat his lunch. He thinks he's a chicken!"

"Oh no!" yells Lotta. "Now I know why he wouldn't eat his dinner last night. We had chicken!" Lotta goes to school to take Little Hart home. "What's next?" thinks Lotta.

TROUBLE WITH LITTLE HART

Comprehension Check

- 1. How old is Little Hart?**
 - a. 6 years old
 - b. 10 years old
 - c. 8 years old

 - 2. Why is Mrs. Knuckles worried about him? (check 3)**

a. He doesn't have any friends.	d. He has a girlfriend.
b. He's sick all the time.	e. He won't wash his hands.
c. He talks back.	f. He can't sit still.

 - 3. Lotta had to spank Little Hart for**
 - a. cheating in school.
 - b. fighting with a friend.
 - c. reading a dirty book.

 - 4. Little Hart was late for school because**
 - a. he didn't understand the sign.
 - b. a policeman stopped him.
 - c. he doesn't like school.

 - 5. Why was Mrs. Knuckles mad at Little Hart in Math class?**
 - a. because his father helped him on his math paper
 - b. because his father did his math paper
 - c. because he only got a 90 percent on his math
-

LITTLE HART GOES CRAZY

Before you read:

Say these words:

this	father	health	whale	chair	knee
though	other	when	she	chase	rough
think	another	what	should	check	tough
that	nothing	awhile	show	choose	enough
them	with	why	dish	knuckle	phone
bathtub	month	where	chicken	know	physical

Do you know these words?

calm	sure	level	psychologist	suddenly
mess	idiot	cackle	exactly	morning
flap	o'clock	relate	attention	everything

LITTLE HART GOES CRAZY



When Lotta Hart gets home, she takes Little Hart into the living room. "What's wrong with you?" she asks. "Mrs. Knuckles tells me you're acting like a chicken!" Little Hart gets down on his hands and knees. "Now I want you to talk with me for awhile." Lotta tells him. "Why are you acting this way?" Little Hart flaps his arms and cackles like a chicken. "Just wait until your father gets home!" she says. Little Hart cackles again and jumps up on a chair. Lotta Hart doesn't know what to do.



It isn't as though Lotta doesn't have any other problems. Her husband Chicken Hart has been staying out late at night. He left Lotta once before for a year. When he came back, Lotta made him promise not to smoke, drink or go out with other girls. But during the last two months, Chicken Hart has been drinking and smoking. He's been coming in late at night and leaving in the morning. Lotta has had enough of his messing around. She plans to have a long talk with him when he comes home. She also wants to talk with him about Little Hart.



When Chicken Hart finally comes home, it's two o'clock in the morning. Lotta is really upset. She throws a dish at him when he walks through the door. "Where have you been?" she screams. "I've been out," he says.

"When you came back, you told me you wouldn't smoke, drink, or go out with other girls! What's wrong with you?" Chicken Hart tells Lotta he hasn't been going out with other girls. "But you have been smoking and drinking!" she tells him.

"Well one out of three isn't bad!" says Chicken Hart. Lotta tells him that she's had enough of his messing around. She picks up another dish and chases him through the back door.



When Lotta finally calms down, she tells him about Little Hart. Chicken Hart gets worried too. They don't know why he's acting so strange. "Maybe we should take him to a doctor?" says Lotta.

The next morning, they take Little Hart to the family doctor. The doctor runs some tests to check his health. The results of the tests show that nothing is wrong with Little Hart. The family doctor tells them he doesn't know what's wrong with Little Hart either. "Physically speaking," he says, "there's nothing wrong with him. But I'd like for you to take him to another doctor."



The family doctor sends Little Hart to Doctor Knowtall, a child psychologist. After Doctor Knowtall gives Little Hart some tests, he calls Lotta and Chicken Hart into his office. "Why is he acting like a chicken?" asks Lotta.

"I'm not sure," says Dr. Knowtall. "But I think we can find out. He's looking for some attention. You have to relate to him on his level."

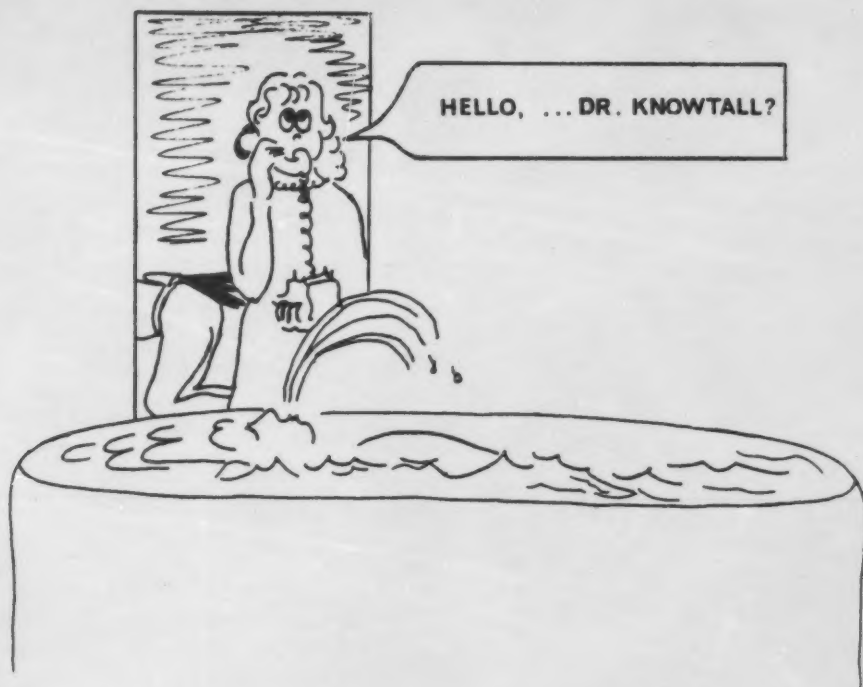
"Relate to him on his level?" says Lotta. "What do you mean?" Doctor Knowtall tells them they should do everything Little Hart does. "You mean I have to act like a chicken!" says Lotta.

"Exactly!" says Dr. Knowtall. "If he chooses to act like a chicken, you act like a chicken. Then maybe we can find out why."



That night, the whole family does everything that Little Hart does. When Little Hart gets on his hands and knees, Lotta and Chicken Hart get on their knees. When Little Hart flaps his arms, everyone flaps their arms. When he cackles like a chicken, the family cackles like a chicken. When Little Hart hops up on a chair, everyone hops up on a chair.

After Little Hart goes to bed, Chicken Hart talks with Lotta. "I feel like an idiot!" he tells her. "Why do we have to keep doing this? It's not working! He's still acting like a chicken!" Lotta makes him promise to try for one more day.



The next night, everyone is acting like a chicken. Little Hart stops suddenly and stands up. "What's wrong with you?" he asks them. Lotta Hart is happy that Little Hart doesn't think he's a chicken any longer. Chicken Hart is still on his hands and knees. He feels like an idiot.

Lotta gives Dr. Knowtall a phone call the next morning. She tells him that Little Hart doesn't think he's a chicken any longer. "Great!" says Dr. Knowtall. "Now maybe we can find out why he was acting that way." Lotta tells Dr. Knowtall that there is another problem. "What's that?" he asks.

"Now he thinks he's a whale! He spends all of his time in the bathtub. And if you think I'm going to act like a whale too, you're wrong!"

"Hmmm," says Dr. Knowtall. "This is more serious than I thought. Bring him in again."

LITTLE HART GOES CRAZY

Comprehension Check

- 1. When does Chicken Hart come home?**
 - a. at two o'clock in the morning
 - b. at one o'clock in the morning
 - c. at three o'clock in the morning
 - 2. Lotta is mad at Chicken Hart because**
 - a. he's going out with other girls.
 - b. he's smoking and drinking.
 - c. he's mean to Little Hart.
 - 3. The test that the doctor runs show**
 - a. that Little Hart is crazy.
 - b. that Little Hart is sick.
 - c. that Little Hart has good health.
 - 4. What does Doctor Knowtall say Little Hart is looking for?**
 - a. attention
 - b. a chicken
 - c. problems
 - 5. Dr. Knowtall tells Lotta and Chicken Hart to**
 - a. do nothing that Little Hart does.
 - b. send Little Hart to a chicken farm.
 - c. do everything that Chicken Hart does.
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CHICKEN HART GETS BUSTED

Before you Read:

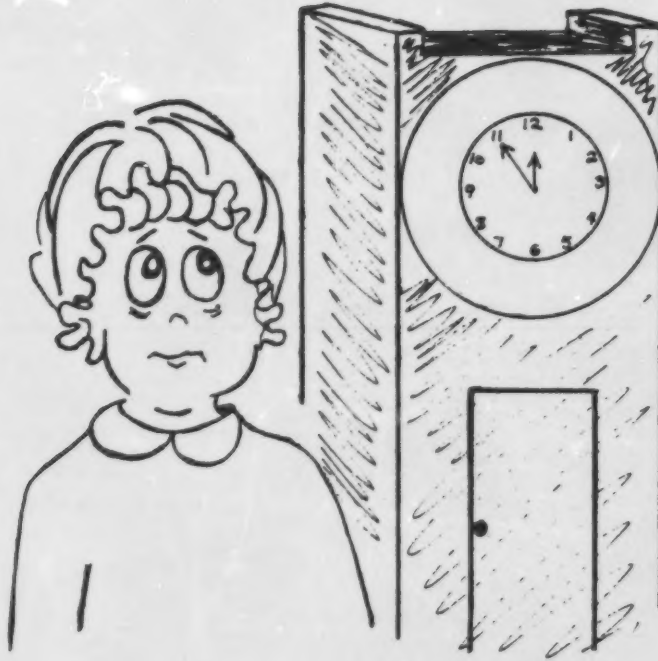
Say these words:

think	with	chicken	enough	she
thought	whether	check	tough	should
that	when	children	rough	shouldn't
the	what	change	phone	trash
throw	why	chase	know	wreck
through	awhile	kitchen	knot	wrestle

Do you know these words?

stay	listen	hang	boom
someone	kitchen	public	poor
midnight	note	officer	busy

CHICKEN HART GETS BUSTED



Lotta Hart sits alone thinking about all her problems. Her son thinks he's a whale. Her husband is staying out late at night and drinking. Lotta doesn't know why all this has to happen to her. "Why me?" she asks herself. Lotta needs to talk to someone about all her problems. She calls Babe E. Face but she's not at home. She calls Ima Mess. But Ima Mess talks all the time and doesn't listen.

Lotta decides to try and talk with Dr. Knowtall when she takes Little Hart in to see him. It's almost midnight and Chicken Hart still isn't home. Lotta decides to check on the children and go to bed.



As Lotta walks through the kitchen, she sees a note on the table. She reads the note.

Dear Lotta,

I've had enough. Things are too tough for me around here. You shouldn't have been so rough on me. I'm leaving for good.

Chicken Hart

"Rough on him?" yells Lotta. "That no good rat! I'll never let him step into the house again!"



Lotta rips up the note and throws it into the trash. The phone rings. It's Chicken Hart. Lotta Hart tells him she's going to hang up. "No! please don't!" he says.

"Where are you?" Lotta asks him.

"I'm in jail Lotta! I need your help so I can get out!" Lotta tells him that she'll think about it and hangs up.

Lotta doesn't know whether she should help him or not. She still loves him. She doesn't know why because he has always been trouble. Finally, Lotta decides to go to the Police Station.



When Lotta walks into the Police Station, she walks up to the officer at the desk. She asks the officer to tell her what the charges are. He hands her the list of charges. Lotta can't believe it when she reads them.

1. Drinking in public
2. Wrecking a telephone pole
3. Chasing an officer
4. Wrestling with an officer
5. Sleeping in the street



"Chasing an officer?" she asks. "Wrestling with an officer? I believe everything else but those two charges."

"Well Mrs. Hart," the officer tells her. "Officer Boom Boom told us that he chased her down the street and wrestled with her. Isn't that right Officer Boom Boom."

"Yes it is," Officer Boom Boom tells Lotta. "At least I think that was what he was trying to do?"

Now Lotta is really mad. "That idiot," she yells. "He can just sit in jail for awhile."



The next morning, Lotta Hart takes Little Hart to see Dr. Knowtall. After he talks with Little Hart, he calls Lotta in. He tells Lotta that Little Hart doesn't think he's a whale any longer. "Great!" says Lotta. "Do you know why he was acting like a whale?"

Dr. Knowtall tells Lotta that he was acting like a whale because of Lotta and Chicken Hart. "You see," says Dr. Knowtall, "he couldn't stand seeing you and Chicken Hart fight all the time. He thought that if he acted like a chicken or whale, you would stop fighting." Lotta tells Dr. Knowtall about Chicken Hart's latest problem.



Dr. Knowtall tells Lotta that Chicken Hart can't help himself. He tells her that he needs some help. "Chicken Hart needs a job," he tells Lotta.

"But I have a lot of money!" says Lotta. "He doesn't really have to work!"

"He needs a job so he can feel good about himself," says Dr. Knowtall. "Besides! If he keeps busy, he won't have time to get in trouble."

Lotta thinks about what he said. She decides to help Chicken Hart. Lotta drives to the Riverdale City Jail to talk with Chicken Hart.



When Lotta sees Chicken Hart, she smiles at him. "You aren't mad at me?" asks Chicken Hart.

"Not at all," says Lotta. "I know now that you're just a poor idiot who can't help himself."

"What are you talking about?" says Chicken Hart. "I'm not an idiot!"

"Now, now," says Lotta. "I know that you're just a stupid fool that doesn't know what he's doing. But I'm going to help you. You're going to get a job."

"A job!" yells Chicken Hart. "A Job? I don't need a job!"

"Calm down," says Lotta. "You'll see. Everything is going to work out just fine."

CHICKEN HART GETS BUSTED

Comprehension Check

1. **What are Lotta's problems? (check 3)**
 - a. She doesn't have any money.
 - b. Her husband drinks.
 - c. Her husband stays out late.
 - d. She doesn't have a friend.
 - e. Her son thinks he's a whale.
 - f. She doesn't have a car.
 2. **Why can't Ima Mess help Lotta?**
 - a. She doesn't listen.
 - b. She isn't home.
 - c. She doesn't want to.
 3. **What are the charges against Chicken Hart? (check 3)**
 - a. smoking in public
 - b. driving too fast
 - c. drinking in public
 - d. sleeping in the street
 - e. wrecking a telephone pole
 - f. wrestling in public
 4. **Why was Little Hart acting crazy?**
 - a. because he was crazy
 - b. to stop his parents from fighting
 - c. because he didn't feel well
 5. **Dr. knowtall tells Lotta that her husband needs a job to**
 - a. make some money.
 - b. feel good about himself.
 - c. keep out of the house.
-

CHICKEN HART GOES TO COURT

Before you read:

Say these words:

the	thought	what	enough	wrong	chance
that	thousand	when	tough	wretched	charge
then	month	while	know	shake	children
with	fifth	who	knew	shoe	chicken
three	phone	why	knucklehead		she

Do you know these words?

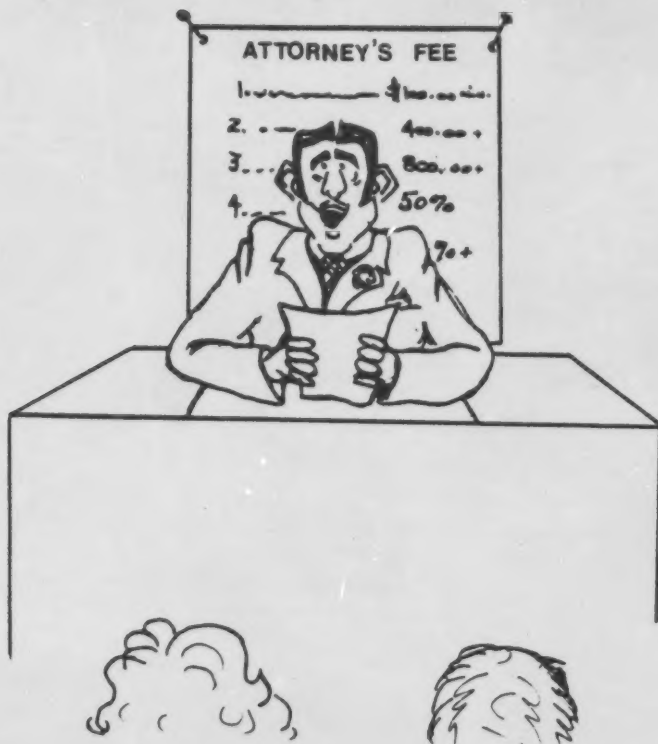
bail	true	lady	judge	belong	bondsman
law	suit	ladies	honor	hired	intend
vs.	club	post	beer	person	instead
guy	calm	trial	dismiss	danger	suddenly
tie	race	court	ruling	closed	information

CHICKEN HART GOES TO COURT



Chicken Hart asked Lotta to get him out of jail. Lotta told him no. She was scared that he would run away again. "Please Lotta!" said Chicken Hart. "I promise I won't take off again! I'll even try to get a job!" Lotta told Chicken Hart she would try to get him out.

The officer at the front desk told Lotta the bail was set at two thousand dollars. She went to a bail bondsman. Lotta had to pay the bail bondsman two hundred dollars to post bond for Chicken Hart. They let Chicken Hart go free but told him he had to go to trial in a few months.



A few weeks went by and Lotta was happy with Chicken Hart. He got up every morning and told Lotta he was going to look for work. When he came home at night, he grabbed the paper and told Lotta he was going to look for jobs in the paper. She noticed that he was spending a lot of time on the phone. She thought he was just talking to people about jobs.

Chicken Hart's court date was only a few weeks away so Lotta hired a lawyer. She found the phone number for a law office in the phone book. The name of the lawyer she hired was Rip U. Off. Rip U. Off talked with Chicken Hart to plan for the trial. He told Chicken Hart it was going to cost a lot but he could keep him out of jail.



Lotta was happy with Chicken Hart until the phone rang one morning when he was gone. Lotta answered the phone.

Lotta: Hello!

Caller: Chicken Hart?

Lotta: No, this is Mrs. Hart. Chicken Hart isn't in. Can I help you?

Caller: Yeah! Tell Chicken Hart to bet on Lucky Lady in the fifth.

Lotta: What! What are you talking about?

Caller: Just tell him to put Al down for three thousand on Lucky Lady in the fifth.

Lotta: You want Chicken Hart to place a bet for you on a horse race?

Caller: No lady, I want to open a shoe store. Just tell him what I said.
O.K.?

Lotta slams the phone down.



Now Lotta knows what Chicken Hart has been doing. He's been taking bets on horse races instead of looking for a job. When Chicken Hart gets home, Lotta yells at him. "What's wrong with you? Do you want to get into even more trouble than you are in now?"

"Now Lotta," says Chicken Hart. "Just relax. I promise I won't take one more bet before I go to court."

"You knucklehead!" she yells. "What about after you go to court! Are you going to take bets in jail?"

"Relax Lotta!" he says. "Rip U. Off told me he can keep me out of jail."



Finally, the day of the trial comes. Lotta Hart is nervous. She's scared that Chicken Hart will have to go to jail. Chicken Hart is really nervous. His hands are shaking and he can hardly talk.

Rip U. Off tries to calm him down. He told Chicken Hart to wear a nice suit and tie. "Just act like you're sorry for what you did. If we get a good judge, everything will turn out fine."

When they walk into the courtroom, Rip U. Off grabs Chicken Hart. "Oh no!" he tells him. "It's Judge Lockup! things don't look good for us!" Chicken Hart starts to shake even more.



Chicken Hart's case is called. "Next case," says Judge Lockup. "The City of Riverdale vs. Chicken Hart."

The city lawyer stands up and talks to the court. "Your Honor," he says. "I intend to show that the city is in danger. The charges against this animal are horrible. As long as he is free, people aren't safe in the streets. Chicken Hart is a wretched person who must be put away!"

Judge Lockup asks Rip U. Off if he has anything to say. "Yes Your Honor," he says. "I just wanted to say that Chicken Hart isn't such a bad guy. Sure he's in big trouble right now, but don't we all get in trouble sometimes?" Rip U. Off sits down. "Is that all you're going to say?" asks Chicken Hart.

"Don't worry," says Rip U. Off. "I know what I'm doing."



Next, Chicken Hart takes the stand to answer some questions.

Rip U. Off: Is it true, Mr. Hart, that you like children and little old ladies?

Chicken Hart: Yes sir it is. Every chance I get, I help little old ladies and children to cross the street.

Rip U. Off: Is it also true that you belong to a number of clubs that help the City of Riverdale?

Chicken Hart: Yes sir it is. The clubs I belong to help the city all the time.

Rip U. Off: ...And are you sorry for what you've done?

Chicken Hart: Yes sir, I'm very sorry.

Rip U. Off: You see your honor. Chicken Hart is really a great guy and he's very sorry.



Next, the City lawyer stands up to ask some questions.

City Lawyer: Did you say you like children Mr. Hart?

Chicken Hart: Yes sir, I love children.

City Lawyer: Do you have any children Mr. Hart?

Chicken Hart: Yes sir, I have two children.

City Lawyer: How old are they?

Chicken Hart: I'm not sure. My wife knows about all that.

City Lawyer: What clubs do you belong to that help the city?

Chicken Hart: I belong to the Friday Night Poker Club and the Saturday Night Beer Drinking Club.

City Lawyer: How do they help the city?

Chicken Hart: They keep us off the streets on Friday and Saturday nights.

City Lawyer: I must have a few more questions for this animal your honor.



While the lawyer asks him questions, Chicken Hart gets a good look at Judge Lockup. Suddenly, Chicken Hart's eyes light up. He smiles at Judge Lockup. Judge Lockup's face turns red and he looks away.

Judge Lockup tells the lawyer that he has asked enough questions. When Chicken Hart gets back to his seat, Judge Lockup talks to the court. "After hearing the information in this case, I'm ready to hand down my ruling. Chicken Hart is a fine person who likes children and little old ladies. He's sorry for what he has done, so I'm going to dismiss the charges. This case is closed!"



Lotta and Chicken Hart jump for joy. Rip U. Off tells them he knew he could keep Chicken Hart out of jail.

Lotta looks at Chicken Hart. "I don't understand. I thought he was going to send you to jail!"

"So did I!" says Chicken Hart. "But when he saw me up close, he knew who I was. I didn't know who he was before today. Judge Lockup has been placing horse racing bets with me for two months!"

Lotta looks at Chicken Hart and shakes her head.

CHICKEN HART GOES TO COURT

Comprehension Check

1. **How much did Lotta have to pay to get Chicken Hart out of jail?**
 - a. two thousand dollars
 - b. two hundred dollars
 - c. two dollars
 2. **Why did Al call Chicken Hart?**
 - a. to open a shoe store
 - b. to place a bet
 - c. to invite him to a party
 3. **Chicken Hart's lawyer tells him to**
 - a. shut up.
 - b. act like he's sorry.
 - c. look mean.
 4. **Rip U. Off says things will go well if**
 - a. Chicken Hart tells the truth.
 - b. they get a good judge.
 - c. they pay him more money.
 5. **Judge Lockup dismissed the charges because**
 - a. Rip U. Off is such a great lawyer.
 - b. he knew Chicken Hart.
 - c. Chicken Hart is a fine person.
-

NEW VOCABULARY INTRODUCED IN BOOK 6

A

against
attention

B

ball
bathtub
beer
being
belong
bondsman
boom
bunch
busy

C

calm
chair
chance
charge
chase
check
cherries
choose
classroom
club
court
cute

D

danger
dish

dismiss
done

E

everything
exactly

F

fifth
fight
flap

G

grade
guess
guy

H

hang
hire
honor

I

information
instead
intend

J

judge

K

knee

knot

knuckle

L

ladies
law
level

M

math
mess
midnight

N

note

O

o'clock
officer

P

person
physical
poor
post
psychologist
public

R

race
relate
rough
ruling

S

sex
slow
someone
spank
suit
sure

T

teacher
then
third
thousand
tough
trash
trial
true
truth

U

us

V

VS.

W

whale
whether
whistle
wreck
wrestle
wretched

LEVEL 2



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A DAY IN THE LIFE OF IMA MESS

Before you read:

Say these words:

know	easy	heal	tail	green	seem
may	peaches	please	sprain	feed	screech
day	reads	loaf	pain	wheel	sleeve
way	leans	coal	rail	feet	coffee
Monday	mean	toast	street	three	thirteen
spray	leave	coat	sweet	feel	fifteenth

Do you know these words?

burn	cast	bread	honk	rush	battery
arm	bang	pour	loose	stairs	company
hood	busy	horn	alone	wake	hospital
push	cable	steer	outfit	caught	number

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF IMA MESS



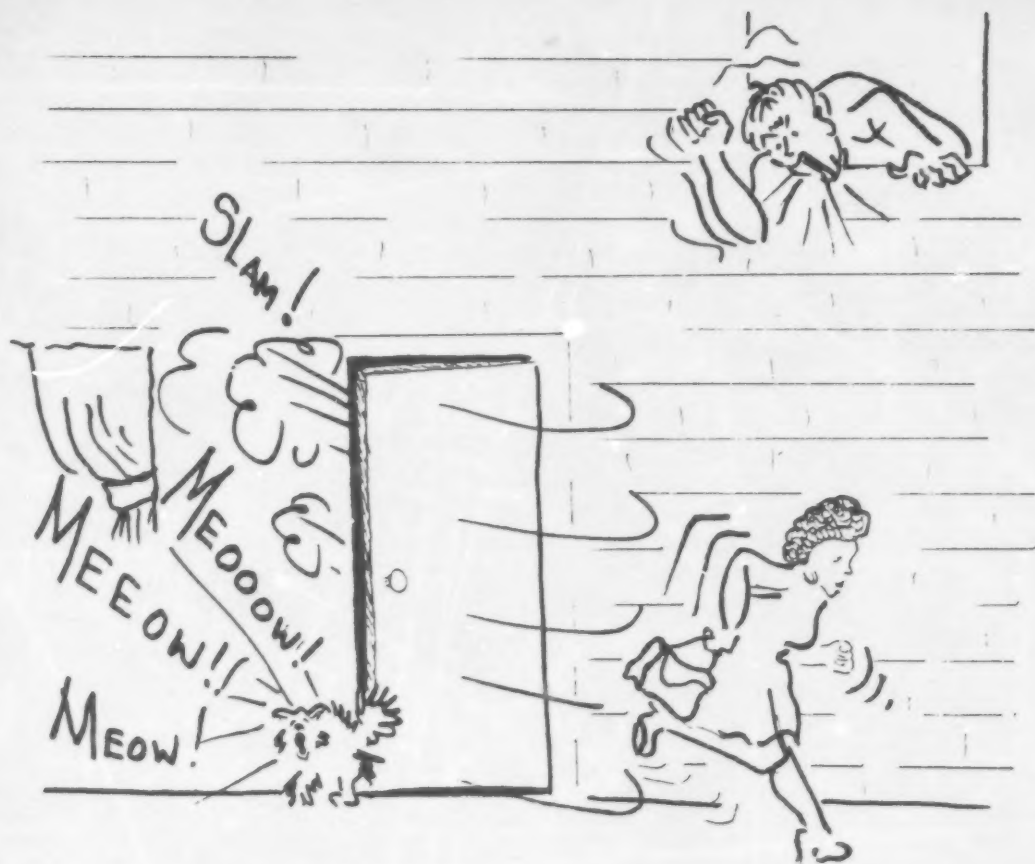
Remember Ima Mess? Just in case you don't remember, let me tell you about her. Ima Mess never does anything right. She loves to help people. Most of the time, she just doesn't know how. People always seem to have bad luck around Ima.

It isn't easy to talk with Ima Mess. She loves to talk but she doesn't listen very well. When she does listen, she forgets what people tell her. Her favorite color is green. Her shoe size is six. Her favorite number is thirteen and she has a cat named Peaches. Peaches has a tough life being around Ima all the time.



Today is Monday, May the fifteenth. This day starts out like any other day for Ima Mess. She gets up in the morning and reads the newspaper. Then she takes out a loaf of bread to make toast. She always burns the toast. The toast is so black it looks like coal. She feeds the toast to Peaches.

Next, she makes coffee. As Ima pours the coffee, the phone rings. Ima picks up the phone but she forgets about the coffee. She pours hot coffee all over Peaches.



Now Ima Mess gets dressed in a rush. She puts on her favorite outfit. She wears a green dress with green socks and shoes. Ima sprays her hair while she puts on her green coat.

Ima is already late for work. She's late for work every day. On her way out, she slams the front door on Peaches' tail. Peaches lets out a screech that wakes everyone up in the neighborhood. It just isn't a good day for Peaches. It isn't such a good day for Ima either. When she gets into her car, she finds that it won't start.



A man walking down the street sees that Ima is having trouble. "Can I help you?" he asks. "I see you're having trouble starting your car. My name's Help U. Out. I live right down the street."

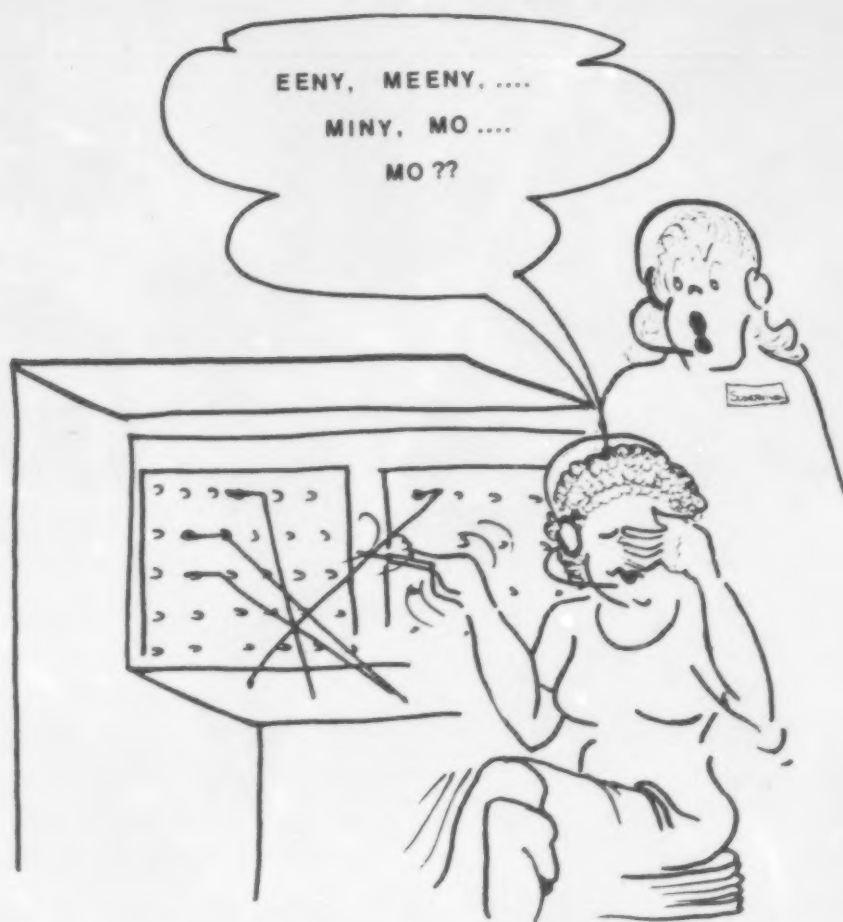
"Ima Mess," she says. "It's sweet of you to help me Mr. Out!"

Help U. Out opens the hood of Ima's car. He leans over to see if he can spot the trouble. Ima leans against the steering wheel and honks the horn. The horn goes off right next to his ear. Help U. Out jumps up and bangs his head on the top of the hood. "I'm sorry," says Ima. "I didn't mean to honk the horn."



Help U. Out finds the trouble. It's just a loose battery cable. "Don't try to start the car yet!" he tells Ima. Ima tries to start the car. Help U. Out gets his sleeve caught in the fan belt. The fan belt rips off his sleeve and sprains his arm. "Why did you try to start the car!" he yells.

"I'm so sorry," says Ima. "I thought you told me to try and start it!" He tells her the car will start now. Ima starts the car. "Thank you very much," she says. As Ima drives away, the back tire runs over his feet.



Ima Mess is three hours late for work because she had to take Help U. Out to the hospital. Ima Mess works for the Telephone Company. She's an operator.

Today, Ima only messes up about ten calls. She puts the plugs in the wrong place or forgets the numbers people give her. Ima's boss is going to move her to another place in the Company. Next week, Ima will be sending out the phone bills for the month.



Ima leaves work early to visit Help U. Out in the hospital. She finds him watching TV in his wheelchair. "How are you feeling?" she asks.

"Not bad," he tells her. "I have a little pain in my feet. Doctor Heal says I'll be able to walk in two weeks."

"Would you like to go for a ride in your wheelchair?" asks Ima. "I'd be happy to push you around for awhile."

"Thank you," says Help U. Out. "It would be nice to get out of my room for a little while."



As Ima pushes the wheelchair down the hall, she sees a friend. Ima lets go of the wheelchair to talk with her. When Ima stops talking she turns around. The wheelchair is gone! She finds the wheelchair stuck to a rail at the top of the stairs. Help U. Out is down at the bottom of the stairs.

Later, she visits him in his room. He has a cast on his leg. "Please!" he yells, "Just leave me alone!"

Ima Mess leaves. "After all I've done for him," she says, "he got mad at me?" Ima goes home to Peaches. It's the end of another busy day for Ima Mess.

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF IMA MESS

Comprehension Check

- 1. Ima Mess loves to talk but she**
 - a. doesn't talk very much.
 - b. doesn't listen very well.
 - c. doesn't know how.

 - 2. What is the first thing Ima Mess does in the morning?**
 - a. She takes out a loaf of bread.
 - b. She reads the newspaper.
 - c. She makes coffee.

 - 3. Why wouldn't her car start?**
 - a. A battery cable was loose.
 - b. It was out of gas.
 - c. The fan belt was loose.

 - 4. Why is Ima Mess so late for work?**
 - a. She gets lost.
 - b. She forgets the time.
 - c. She takes Help U. Out to the hospital.

 - 5. How do you think Ima will do in her new job next week?**
 - a. She will do well.
 - b. She will mess things up.
 - c. She won't make any mistakes.
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THE BEACH PARTY: PART I

Before you read:

Say these words:

window	beach	real	sleep	ray	Saturday
showing	fleas	beat	agree	play	roast
know	eat	seat	sweet	way	toast
known	read	weak	keep	away	brain
throw	peaches	teach	between	always	tail
bowling	mean	meet	see	day	pail

Do you know these words?

oil	punch	blanket	arrives
pick	weight	rubbing	Karate
knot	smaller	person	self-defense
hurt	bigger	between	bowling
twist	castle	eighty	enjoy
lift	eleven	yourself	probably



Deaf Dan wakes up and looks out the window. "What a beautiful day!" he says to his dog King. "It's a good day for the beach. Don't you think so King?" King tries to go back to sleep. He doesn't want to go because he gets fleas at the beach.

Since it's Saturday, Dan doesn't have to go to work. He decides to call his friends and invite them to a beach party. He calls Chicken Hart, Lotta Hart, Weir'd Willie, Babe E. Face, U.R. Stuck, Ima Mess and Luv R. Boy. They all agree to meet on the beach at eleven o'clock. Dan has to drag King out of the house because he doesn't want to go.



Deaf Dan meets everyone at eleven. When Dan arrives, Chicken Hart is roasting hot dogs and drinking beer. Lotta Hart is helping Little Hart and Sweet Hart build a sand castle. Luv. R. Boy is talking to pretty girls up and down the beach. Weird Willie is eating hot dogs while Babe E. Face reads a book. U. R. Stuck is trying to sell the beach to a little old lady sitting on a blanket. Ima Mess is rubbing suntan oil on her cat Peaches.

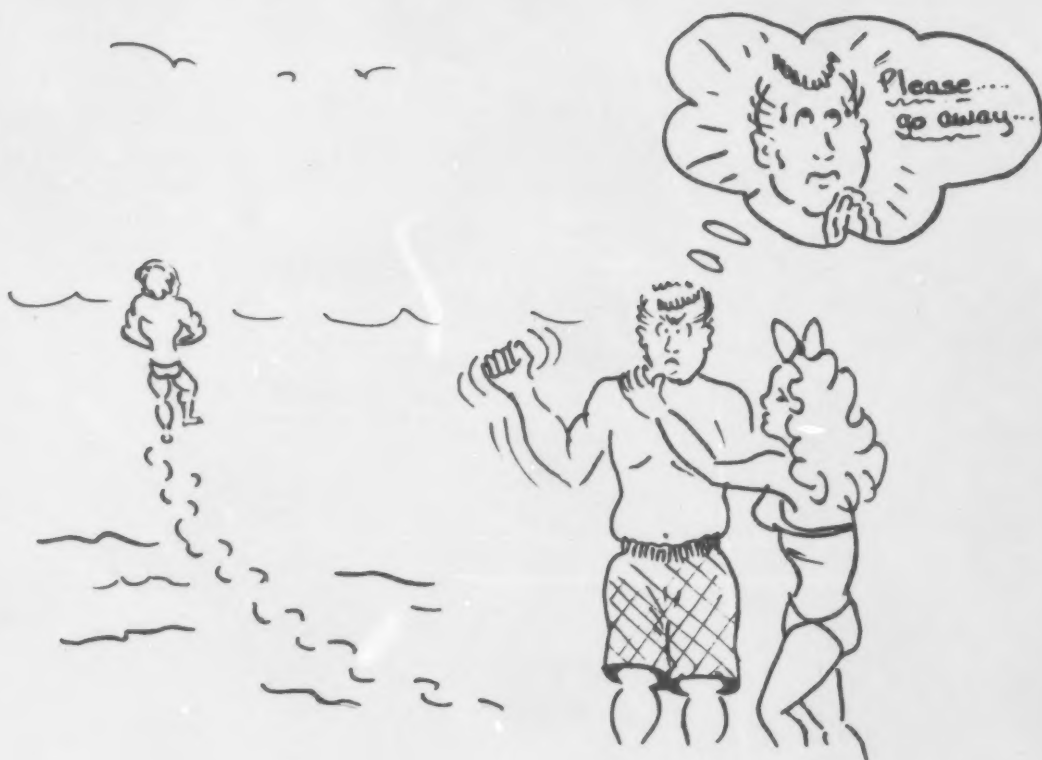
Everyone is having a great time when a man walks by with a mean look on his face. "Oh no!" says Deaf Dan. "It's Mus L. Man! I hope he doesn't start trouble."



Mus L. Man is a huge person. He spends most of his time at the beach. He lifts weights so his arms and legs are big. Mus L. Man has a beautiful tan because he's under the sun's rays all day. He always walks up and down the beach showing off to girls. Mus L. Man likes to pick on people smaller than he is. Also, he isn't known for his brains.

Mus L. Man walks up to Chicken Hart. "Give me a hot dog!" he says. "No!" says Chicken Hart. "They're for my friends. You can't have one!"

Mus L. Man grabs a hot dog. "I can do anything I want," he tells Chicken Hart. "I'm bigger than you!"



Next, Mus L. Man walks up to Weird Willie and Babe E. Face. He looks at Babe E. Face. "What are you doing with a fat slob like him?" he asks Babe E. Face. "You should spend time with a real man like me!"

"What do you mean?" Babe E. Face asks. "I don't care if he's a fat slob! At least he's my fat slob! Get away from us!"

Mus L. Man kicks sand in Willie's face and walks away. "I should have beat him up," Willie tells her, "but I didn't want to hurt him." Weird Willie is so upset he eats ten more hot dogs.



Mus L. Man walks up to Deaf Dan. "Get out of my way!" he tells Dan.

"No thank you," says Dan. "I don't want to play."

"I said out of my way!" Mus L. Man yells. He pushes Dan.

"Keep away from me or I'll send my dog after you!" Dan tells him.

"King!" he yells. "Go get him!" King looks at Mus L. Man. He turns around and runs away with his tail between his legs.

Mus L. Man walks over to Sweet Hart, Little Hart and Lotta Hart. He kicks over their sand castle and walks away laughing.



Next, Mus L. Man sees a beautiful girl seated next to her boyfriend. His name is Weak Ling. Weak Ling and his girlfriend are enjoying the sun when Mus L. Man walks up. Weak Ling is small. He's only four and a half feet tall and weighs eighty pounds. "Move over," says Mus L. Man. "I'm going to sit next to your girlfriend."

"Just keep walking," Weak Ling tells him. "Go sit by yourself."

"I'll beat your brains out if you don't move!" Mus L. Man yells.

"Good," says Weak Ling, "that's probably the only way you'll ever get any brains for yourself." Everyone laughs at Mus L. Man so he gets even madder.



Weak Ling doesn't look strong but he is. He teaches self-defense classes at night. Weak Ling has a black belt in Karate. When Mus L. Man tries to hit him, Weak Ling grabs his arm and twists it into a knot. When Mus L. Man tries to kick him, Weak Ling grabs his leg and twists it around his neck. Next, he knocks him over with one punch. Finally, he grabs him by the hair and throws him fifty feet down the beach. Mus L. Man rolls into the water like a bowling ball.

Everyone claps for Weak Ling. Chicken Hart invites him and his girl-friend for hot dogs and beer. The beach is fun again. The party goes on.

THE BEACH PARTY: PART I

Comprehension Check

1. Why doesn't King like to go to the beach?
- It's too hot.
 - He can't swim.
 - He gets fleas.
2. match each name with what that person is doing at the beach.
- | | |
|------------------|-----------------------------|
| ___ Chicken Hart | a. talking to girls |
| ___ Weird Willie | b. reading a book |
| ___ Luv R. Boy | c. roasting hot dogs |
| ___ Sweet Hart | d. building a sand castle |
| ___ Babe E. Face | e. trying to sell the beach |
| ___ U. R. Stuck | f. eating hot dogs |
3. What does Mus L. Man do at the beach? (Check two)
- makes friends
 - shows off to girls
 - swims
 - picks on people
 - runs on the sand
 - helps people
4. What kind of person is Mus L. Man?
- He's a kind person.
 - He's a mean person.
 - He's a smart person.
5. When Deaf Dan Tells King to get Mus L. Man, King
- runs away from Mus L. Man.
 - bites Mus L. Man on the leg.
 - growls at Mus L. Man.

- 6. Write a number on each blank to show in order what Mus L. Man did. Write the number 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 on each blank.**

___ kicks sand in Weird Willie's face
___ kicks over the sand castle
___ grabs a hot dog
___ walks up to Weak Ling
___ pushes Deaf Dan

- 7. How tall is Weak Ling?**

a. four and a half feet
b. six and a half feet
c. two and a half feet

- 8. How much does Weak Ling weigh?**

a. one-hundred pounds
b. twenty pounds
c. eighty pounds

- 9. What mistake did Mus L. Man make?**

a. He shouldn't have picked on Deaf Dan.
b. He shouldn't have picked on Weird Willie.
c. He shouldn't have picked on Weak Ling.

- 10. A good name for the story is**

a. Swimming at the Beach.
b. Fun at the Beach.
c. Mus L. Man Gets a Lesson.

THE BEACH PARTY: PART II

Before you read:

Say these words:

eat	leak	need	showoff	pay	explain
eaten	scream	three	row	say	wait
beat	please	meet	know	way	pain
deal	seal	see	blow	bay	nail
cheat	fleas	keep	tow	stay	pail
each	realize	throw	coal	away	sprain
reach	feet	slow	boat	halfway	afraid
leave	sixteen	elbow	float	always	train

Do you know these words?

burn	join	bounce	unless	lifeguard	waving
limp	tired	naked	cross	lifejacket	pocket
ankle	race	learn	finish	lighthouse	patrol
rules	sounds	barely	bathing	exercise	safety

THE BEACH PARTY: PART II



Weird Willie has eaten too many hot dogs. He doesn't feel so well. "I shouldn't have eaten those sixteen hot dogs," Willie tells Babe E. Face.

"Why do you always eat so much?" Babe E. Face asks. "You need to get some exercise. Why don't you run up and down the beach. You'll feel better if you get some exercise."

Willie knows that Babe E. Face is right. He asks Chicken Hart to run with him.

Chicken Hart wants to race. "I'll race you to the lighthouse and back!" he tells Willie. "If you beat me, I'll pay you three dollars. If I win, you'll pay me six dollars."

"Finel" says Willie. "That sounds like a good deal to me."



Deaf Dan asks if he can race also. Deaf Dan, Weird Willie and Chicken Hart line up next to each other. Ima Mess explains the rules. "When I say go, run to the lighthouse and back. The first person to cross this line wins the race." Deaf Dan takes off running. "Wait!" yells Ima. "Come Back!"

Deaf Dan comes back. "Didn't you say go?" Dan asks her.

"Not yet," says Ima. "Wait until I say go again." Deaf Dan takes off running again. "Wait," yells Ima. "Come back here!"

"You said go!" Dan yells. Chicken Hart tells Deaf Dan to wait.

"Ready, set, go!" yells Ima Mess. Weird Willie and Chicken Hart take off. Deaf Dan stays at the line.



"What are you doing Dan?" asks Ima. "I said go!"

"I didn't hear you," Deaf Dan tells her. "I thought you said no!" Deaf Dan takes off running way behind Weird Willie and Chicken Hart. Weird Willie and Chicken Hart are slow. Deaf Dan catches up with them halfway to the lighthouse.

Chicken Hart wants to win so much he decides to cheat. He trips Deaf Dan. Dan falls over and rolls into a pit filled with red hot coals. When Dan gets up, he stays out of the race because he's in great pain.

Chicken Hart and Willie are even when they reach the lighthouse. Chicken Hart sticks out his elbow and bumps Willie. Willie runs into a fence.



When Willie runs into the fence, his suit gets caught on a nail. As he bounces off the fence, his suit rips off. Willie keeps running without his bathing suit. People on the beach are laughing at Willie because he's naked. Weird Willie doesn't know he's naked because he's trying to catch Chicken Hart. Chicken Hart is about twenty feet ahead of Willie.

About sixty feet from the finish line, Chicken Hart trips over a pail of sand. He falls and sprains his ankle. He gets up but Willie passes him and crosses the finish line. Willie still doesn't know his bathing suit is missing.



"I won!" yells Willie. Suddenly, he realizes he lost his bathing suit. His face turns bright red. Babe E. Face throws him a robe. "I hope you're happy!" she tells Willie. "I didn't know you were such a showoff!"

"I'm not!" Willie tells her. "I didn't know I was naked." A beach patrol officer walks up to Willie. "I'm afraid you'll have to leave sir," he tells Willie. "You can't stay on a public beach unless you wear a bathing suit." Willie talks with the beach patrol officer. He explains what happened. The officer tells him he can stay as long as he doesn't run on the beach naked.



Babe E. Face wants to leave because everyone is looking at Weird Willie and laughing. "Not yet," says Willie. "I want to take a boat ride first." He rents a rowboat and rows to the middle of the bay. The boat springs a leak. "Oh no!" says Babe E. Face. "Now we have to swim back to the beach."

"I can't swim!" Willie tells her. Babe E. Face can't help him because he won't let her. Willie yells for help. "Help! I can't swim!" he screams. Deaf Dan sees Willie waving his arms but he can't quite hear what he's yelling. Dan waves at Willie. "Have a good swim!" Dan yells.

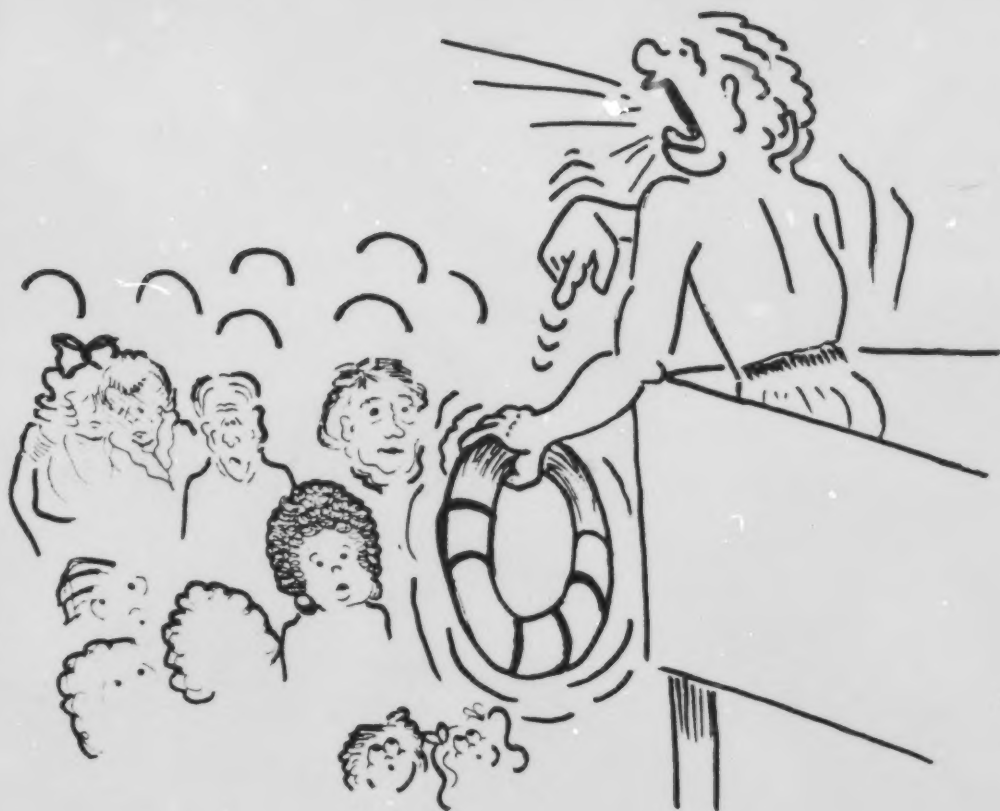
"Please help!" yells Willie. "I don't know how to swim!"

"No thanks," Dan yells. "I can't join you for a swim. I don't feel like swimming right now!"



Finally, Ima Mess sees that Willie is in trouble. She asks Luv R. Boy to save him. Luv R. Boy doesn't want to go into the water. He doesn't want to get his hair wet. Ima Mess grabs a float and throws it into the bay. The float hits Willie on the head and bounces away. U. R. Stuck throws Willie a rope. Willie grabs the rope and pulls it out of U. R. Stuck's hand.

Lotta Hart runs over to the lifeguard. "Why don't you help him!" she screams. The lifeguard was busy talking to girls. He takes a whistle out of his pocket and blows it. Two seals dive into the water. When the seals reach the rope, they grab it and tow Weird Willie to the beach.



The lifeguard explains that the seals are trained. "I trained them to save people," he says. "That way, I have more time to talk with girls." The lifeguard yells at Willie for being in the water. "You should always wear a life jacket when you rent a boat!" he tells him. "You should not be in the water if you can't swim! You should also learn how to swim."

The lifeguard yells at everyone for not knowing enough to help Willie. "You should know more about water safety. When friends are in the water, you should watch them. You should know how to help them!"



The sun is setting on the water at the Riverdale Public beach. Everyone is getting ready to leave. Chicken Hart is limping because he has a sprained ankle. Deaf Dan can barely walk because he has burns all over his behind. Weird Willie is so tired Babe E. Face has to help him to the car. Imma Mess is sunburned because she stayed out in the sun too long. Deaf Dan's dog King has fleas he picked up at the beach.

"That was fun!" says Lotta Hart. "We'll have to do this again someday!"

"Yes," says Deaf Dan, "About ten years from now we'll meet at the beach again!"

THE BEACH PARTY: PART II

Comprehension Check

1. How many hot dogs did Willie eat?
 - a. thirteen
 - b. fourteen
 - c. sixteen
 2. What happens to Chicken Hart about sixty feet from the finish line?
 - a. He falls into a pit.
 - b. He trips over a pail of sand.
 - c. His bathing suit falls off.
 3. Match the name with what each person did to save Willie.

_____ U. R. Stuck	a. throws him a float
_____ Ima Mess	b. blows a whistle
_____ lifeguard	c. did nothing
_____ Luv R. Boy	d. throws him a rope
_____ Lotta Hart	e. gets the lifeguard
 4. What did the lifeguard tell Willie to do? (Check two)

a. learn to row	d. swim with friends
b. get off the beach	e. learn to swim
c. wear a life jacket	f. learn about water safety
 5. How soon do you think they'll meet at the beach again?
 - a. not for a long time
 - b. in about a week
 - c. in about a month
-

FEELINGS

Before you Read:

Say these Words:

tree	screen	ease	read	flow	mow
green	weep	please	leave	meadow	low
queen	cheese	seat	faint	glow	spray
freeze	cheek	eat	drain	window	day
sleep	scream	cheap	pain	snow	away
weeds	leap	grease	rain	snowflake	say
agree	each	meal	brain	below	coat

Do you know these words?

early	blonde	took	twice	pouring	already
baby	clog	carried	pizza	footprint	blanket
point	choke	enjoy	garlic	wonder	above
lawn	stupid	glue	onions	royal	huge

FEELINGS: by Weird Willie

WEIRD WILLIE HAS BEEN MARRIED TO BABE E. FACE FOR THREE YEARS
THIS IS WHAT HE WROTE AFTER THE FIRST YEAR.

When the summer comes and the trees are green
And the morning light flows through your hair
When you walk through a meadow like a royal queen
That's when I feel like being with you



As the day gives way to the evening's glow
And the faint light of sunset fills your eyes
Your look tells me what I need to know
That's when I feel like being with you



When the winter comes with it's blanket of snow
And you call to me through freezing air
With snowflakes around both above and below
That's when I feel like being with you

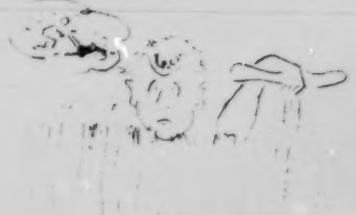


THIS IS WHAT HE WROTE AFTER THE SECOND YEAR

In the early morning when I just want to sleep
And the baby screams for some food
When out of my bed I have to leap
That's when I feel like getting away



When through the front window you point to the weeds
And tell me you know the lawn must be mowed
As you talk of a thousand of these little needs
That's when I feel like getting away



AFTER THE THIRD YEAR:

When your long blonde hair clogs up the drain
And on your hair spray I begin to choke
That's when I start to feel some pain
And that's when I feel like getting away



When talking about money we at times don't agree
So we scream at each other on into the night
You tell me I'm stupid, that I just cannot see
That's when I feel like getting away



FEELINGS: by Babe E. Face

THIS IS WHAT BABE E. FACE WROTE AFTER THE FIRST YEAR.

As you took me in your arms; picked me up with ease
And carried me softly into our home
Then I knew it was me you wanted to please
And that's when I felt like being with you



Because I see how hard you work day by day
And help me through times when I feel low
I enjoy all the things that you do and you say
That's why I feel like being with you



AFTER THE SECOND YEAR ...

When in front of T.V. you take to your seat
And glue your eyes to the screen
And move all weekend twice; only to eat
That's when I feel like getting away.



When it's Saturday night and you act so cheap
We go to Jack's Drive-In for a meal of grease
That makes me want to sit down and weep
And that's when I feel like getting away



AFTER THE THIRD YEAR ...

When on two huge pizzas you decide to feed
And your breath smells like garlic, onions and cheese
Then you kiss me on the cheek while I'm tring to read
That's when I feel like getting away



When you go without a coat into the pouring rain
Then leave footprints in mud through the house
That makes me wonder if you have a brain
And that's when I feel like getting away



FEELINGS

Comprehension Check

1. **After the first year of marriage, Weird Willie and Babe E. Face**
 - a. wanted to get away from each other.
 - b. wanted to be with other.
 - c. couldn't stand each other.

 2. **When does Willie feel like getting away? (Check 3)**

a. When the baby wants food.	d. When it's Saturday night.
b. When he watches T.V.	e. When the lawn needs mowing.
c. When he chokes on hair spray.	f. When it rains.

 3. **When does Babe E. Face feel like getting away? (Check 3)**

a. When Willie works.	d. When his hair clogs the drain.
b. When winter comes.	e. When Willie eats pizza.
c. When Willie watches T.V.	f. When they go out to eat.

 4. **"Your look tells me what I need to know ..." means**
 - a. Babe E. Face wants Willie to mow the lawn.
 - b. Babe E. Face doesn't know very much.
 - c. Weird Willie needs to know that Babe E. Face loves him.

 5. **"You tell me I'm Stupid, that I just cannot see ..." means**
 - a. that Weird Willie is blind.
 - b. that Weird Willie doesn't understand.
 - c. that Babe E. Face needs glasses.
-

NEW VOCABULARY INTRODUCED IN BOOK 7

A

afraid
agree
ankle
arrives

B

bang
barely
bathing
battery
beach
beat
below
between
bigger
blanket
blonde
blow
boat
bounce
bowling
brain
bread
build
burn

C

cable
carried
cast
castle
cat
cheap
cheek
choke
clog

coal

coffee
cross

D

drain

E

early
ease
eaten
eighty
elbow
eleven
enjoy
evening
exercise
explain

F

faint
feet
fleas
float
flow
footprint
freeze

G

garlic
glow
glue

H

halfway
heal
honk

hood

horn
hospital
hurt

J

join

K

Karate
known

L

lawn
leak
leans
leap
learn
lifeguard
lifejacket
lift
lighthouse
limp
loaf
loose

M

meadow
meal
middle
Monday
mow

N

nail
naked

O

oil
onions
outfit

P

pail
pain
patrol
peaches
pick
pizza
point
pouring
punch
push

R

rail
rain
ray
reach
real
realize
roast
row
royal
rubbing
rules
rush

S

safety
Saturday
screech
screen
seal

self-defense

seat
showoff
sixteen
smaller
snow
snowflake
softly
sounds
sprain
stairs
steer
stupid
sweet

T

teach
thirteen
toast
tow
train
twist

U

unless

V

visit

W

waving
weak
weeds
weep
weight
wheel
window

Y

yourself

LEVEL 2



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THE HONEYMOON'S OVER

Before you read:

Say these words:

out	count	too	fool	joint	now
about	amount	zoo	look	point	cow
shout	account	soon	cook	spoil	how
trout	blouse	moon	took	knew	howl
found	house	honeymoon	good	stew	down
around	mouth	afternoon	enjoy	grew	flower
loud	thousand	food	saw	new	shower

Do you know these words?

quit	child	were	Jr.	birthday	thought
mind	born	year	habits	welcome	fought
four	care	meal	exactly	would	complain
baby	sixth	change	fights	though	special
busy	relax	mother	broken	together	tall

THE HONEYMOON'S OVER



When Weird Willie and Babe E. Face got married, they thought they would always be happy. Now they've been married for three years and they have some problems. Willie thought all of his problems would be over when he got married. He found that he still has problems. Babe E. Face thought that Weird Willie would change when they got married. Babe E. Face found out that he's still the same person.

They never knew how tough it was for two people to live together. After the first year, they saw that there were a thousand little things that gave them trouble. They didn't count on so many problems.



Willie and Babe E. Face spent two beautiful weeks in Las Vegas on their honeymoon. During that first year, they spent a lot of time together. Willie would bring her flowers every week. He took her to beautiful places. They would sit and look at the moon and talk about having a family. Babe E. Face cooked special meals for Willie. They enjoyed being around each other.

When Willie found out that Babe E. Face was going to have a child, he was happy. Willie knew that Babe E. Face was going to have to quit her job. He didn't mind. Willie didn't really want Babe E. Face to work anyway. Exactly one year after their wedding, Weird Willie Jr. was born.



That's when the trouble started. Weird Willie Jr. looks just like his father. He eats like him too. They love him, but he's another mouth to feed. After Babe E. Face quit her job to have a baby, they stopped making the same amount of money. Willie stopped buying flowers for Babe E. Face. He started taking her to broken down joints to eat.

Babe E. Face stopped cooking special meals for Willie. She was so busy with the baby she didn't have much time for Willie. That's when they started having fights.



MONDAY

(Willie just walked in after a hard day at work)

Babe E. Face: **Why don't you bring me flowers any more?**

Weird Willie: **They cost too much now. Good flowers cost at least five dollars!**

Babe E. Face: **May I point out that you spend at least ten dollars on beer every week!**

Weird Willie: **So what . . . I need the beer. You don't need flowers. You spend too much money.**

Babe E. Face: **I spend too much money? I can't! We don't have any money!**

Weird Willie: **I know. You write so many checks we don't have any money in our account!**

Babe E. Face: **Yes. I write checks for food. You write checks for beer.**



TUESDAY

(Weird Willie Jr. is howling for food)

- Weird Willie: Are we having stew again? I'm getting sick of stew.
Babe E. Face: I'm getting sick of you. You're always complaining about stew! It's good for you and we don't have money for other food.
- Weird Willie: That's because you spend so much money on clothes.
Babe E. Face: I don't spend that much on clothes.
Weird Willie: Oh? You spent \$50.00 on a blouse. I've never spent \$50.00 on a blouse.
- Babe E. Face: Of course not you fool! You don't wear blouses. Besides, you dress like a slob. If you did wear blouses, you would probably look horrible.
- Weird Willie: Well thank you very much!
Babe E. Face: Well you're welcome very much!



WEDNESDAY

(The house is a mess)

'Weird Willie: This place is a mess! Why don't you clean it up?

Babe E. Face: I don't have time. You don't know how many things I have to do. Why don't you help me?

Weird Willie: I can't. I work hard all day. When I come home, I need to relax.

Babe E. Face: Relax! That's all you do! The first thing you do when you get home is drink beer. Then you walk around the house like a cow. You bump into everything in the place.

Weird Willie: You have bad habits too!

Babe E. Face: Bad habits! Talk about bad habits ... It would be nice if you took a shower once in a while. You smell like a fish most of the time! Where are you going?

Weird Willie: I'm going to a place where they like me.

Babe E. Face: Where they like you? Are you going to the zoo?



THURSDAY

- Babe E. Face: Would you watch Willie Jr. while I go shopping?
 Weird Willie: I can't. I'm going fishing this afternoon.
 Babe E. Face: I haven't been out of the house for days! You could at least watch him for two hours! I need to buy some food for dinner.
 Weird Willie: I'm going fishing for trout. We can eat trout for dinner.
 Babe E. Face: You always go fishing but you never catch any fish!
 Weird Willie: I can't take care of little Willie. I don't know how! It would spoil my day!
 Babe E. Face: Look fathead! If I don't get out of the house for awhile, I'll go crazy!
 Weird Willie: You don't have to shout so loud. I'll take care of him just this one time.



Even though they fought quite a bit, they still had a lot of good times. Weird Willie Jr. grew so fast he was four feet tall on his sixth birthday. It was then that Babe E. Face decided to go back to work. She told Willie she was going back to work.

"What?" said Weird Willie. "Who's going to take care of little Willie!"

"He's going to be in the first grade soon," said Babe E. Face. "My mother can take care of him until I get home from work."

"No!" said Willie. "I don't want you to go back to work. We can make out just fine without you working."

"We need the money," she told him. "Besides, I need to work. I like to work."



Willie and Babe E. Face fought for a long time that night. They fought about money, bad habits and work. Finally Babe E. Face looked at Willie and asked him a question. "What's wrong with us?" she asked. "We used to be so happy!"

"I know," said Willie. "I don't know what's wrong. I don't know how to make us happy again!"

"We need some help," Babe E. Face told him. "Maybe we're just not right for each other?"

They knew they needed help. They just didn't know where or how to find it.

THE HONEYMOON'S OVER

Comprehension Check

1. When Willie got married, he thought that
 - a. there would be problems.
 - b. his problems would be over.
 - c. it would be tough.
 2. When did Willie stop buying flowers for Babe E. Face?
 - a. after Weird Willie Jr. was born
 - b. before Babe E. Face quit her job
 - c. right after their honeymoon
 3. Why didn't Babe E. Face have much time for Willie?
 - a. She was working long hours.
 - b. She was too busy cooking.
 - c. She was busy with the baby.
 4. Match the day of the week with what they fought about.

_____ Monday	a. blouses and stew
_____ Tuesday	b. fishing and shopping
_____ Wednesday	c. flowers and beer
_____ Thursday	d. showers and relaxing
 5. How tall was Weird Willie Jr. on his sixth birthday?
 - a. six feet
 - b. four feet
 - c. two feet
-

A LITTLE HELP

Before you read:

Say these words:

around	count	flower	afternoon	knew	appointment
about	now	shower	shook	saw	noise
counselor	how	town	good	overdrawn	avoid
found	down	too	look	boy	point
out	frown	soon	new	destroy	coin

Do you know these words?

parents	taxes	third	marriage	budget	biggest
drugs	checkingsolve	family	nothing	community	
price	calm	enough	should	minute	center

A LITTLE HELP



Willie and Babe E. Face kept fighting night after night about her going back to work. A friend told Willie that he should see a counselor. "A what?" Willie asked.

"A counselor!" said his friend. "There are marriage and family counselors around Riverdale. Maybe a counselor can help you work out your problems."

"It would cost too much money," Willie told him. Willie thought a lot about seeing a counselor. He knew they had to do something soon. The fighting was about to destroy their marriage. It was good luck for Willie when he saw a sign in downtown Riverdale. It said:

FREE COUNSELING
for problems with
Job, Marriage, Children
Parents, Drugs, etc ...
Call 674-3689
Riverdale Community Center



Willie called the number. He found out that the counseling was free because it was paid for by the taxes people pay. That night, Willie talked with Babe E. Face about the free counseling. Babe E. Face told Willie to make an appointment for them. She was ready to try anything now.

The idea of going to a counselor was new to Babe E. Face. She didn't really think the counselor could help. She thought she had tried everything to make their marriage last. She felt that Willie just wasn't right for her anymore.



Their appointment was made for Friday afternoon. The appointment was with Dr. Gil T. Feeling. Dr. Feeling shook their hands and asked them into his office. "Now what can I help you with?" he asked them. "What's the problem?"

"I know what the problem is!" said Babe E. Face. "It's him!"

"How can you say that!" Willie said. "Our problem is you!"

"Now calm down," said Dr. Feeling. "If you make a lot of noise, we aren't going to find out anything. Just tell me what you don't like about each other. Tell me some of the things that make you mad at each other."



Babe E. Face frowned. "Well first of all, he doesn't bring me flowers any more. He yells at me for spending money. He doesn't take showers. He won't help me with our child and he drinks too much beer!"

"What are talking about!" yelled Willie.

"See what I mean!" said Babe E. Face. "He yells at me all the time!"

"Just a minute," said Weird Willie. "I yell at her because our checking account is always overdrawn! She spends money like it's nothing! Besides, you yell at me too. You tell me I dress like a slob and call me names. You call me fathead all the time!"

"I can't help it if you have a fat head," Babe E. Face told him.



"There's just one thing I want to know," said Dr. Gil T. Feeling. "Do you love each other?"

"I do," said Willie. "I always have and I always will."

"So do I," added Babe E. Face.

"Good!" said Dr. Feeling, "My first wife and I didn't really love each other. Boy! What a problem that was!"

"Maybe we're just not right for each other anymore," said Babe E. Face. "We fight all the time."

"Fighting isn't that bad," Dr. Gil T. Feeling told her. "It's how you fight that counts. My second wife and I fought all the time. You need to fight about the right things and then try to solve the problems. It looks like your biggest problem is money right now."

"Right!" said Weird Willie "She's spending too much money!"



"Have you made out a budget?" he asked Willie.

"No," said Willie, "We don't have enough money to make out a budget."

"That's just what my third wife and I thought," said Dr. Feeling. "We never knew where the money was going. I thought she was spending too much. She thought I was spending too much. If you want to avoid fighting about money, you better make out a budget. Write down the things you need each month and the price. Write down the things you want each month and the price. Then write down how much you make each month."

Dr. Gil T. Feeling told Weird Willie and Babe E. Face to go home and make out a budget. They made another appointment for the next week.

A LITTLE HELP

Comprehension Check

- 1. Why was the counseling free?**
 - a. Willie didn't have enough money.
 - b. It was paid for by taxes.
 - c. Willie didn't want to pay.

 - 2. When was their appointment?**
 - a. Friday afternoon
 - b. Saturday afternoon
 - c. Monday afternoon

 - 3. What is the one thing Dr. Feeling wanted to know?**
 - a. If they were mad at each other
 - b. If they were in love with each other
 - c. If they liked to fight

 - 4. Dr. Gil T. Feeling fought a lot with his**
 - a. third wife.
 - b. first wife.
 - c. second wife.

 - 5. Dr. Feeling said their biggest problem was**
 - a. Weird Willie Jr.
 - b. money.
 - c. fighting.

 - 6. Dr. Feeling told them that to avoid fighting about money**
 - a. they should make more money.
 - b. they should split up.
 - c. they should make out a budget.
-

LOVE AND KISSES

Before you read:

Say these words:

out	how	frown	oil	look	saw
mouth	wow	choice	enjoy	good	knew
counselor	allow	spoil	boy	root	grew
house	now	boil	Playboy	fool	new
down	shower	join	toy	cool	crew

Do you know these words?

fought	solve	aside	sigh	electric	secretary
dropped	fifth	course	roughest	wonder	budget
save	fourth	total	twenty	counselor	clothes
beer	along	dare	problem	restaurant	magazine



When Weird Willie and Babe E. Face got home, they decided to make out a budget. First, they thought of all the things they knew they had to spend money on each month. The list looked like this:

NEEDS:	
food	250.00
car (gas & oil, etc...)	150.00
rent	300.00
electric bill	40.00
doctor bill	45.00
phone bill	23.00
water bill	7.00
heating bill	15.00
clothes	50.00

Total: \$880.00



Weird Willie Jr. needed to go to the doctor twice a month. He grows so fast, he needs new clothes every two months. Willie wanted to write down beer under "needs". Babe E. Face didn't want him to so they argued for awhile about that. Next, they made a list of their wants for each month.

Wants	Cost
beer	50.00
movies	16.00
toys for Willie Jr.	10.00
Playboy Magazine	2.00
newspaper	9.00
books	10.00
candy	5.00
gifts	10.00
eating out	40.00

Total \$152.00



Willie added up the needs and wants. The total was \$1,032.00. Willie's mouth dropped open. "I never knew how much we were spending!" he told Babe E. Face. Since Willie made \$945.00 a month, he was surprised. "No wonder we never have any money," he said. "We're spending more than I make!"

"We've got to do something!" said Babe E. Face. "I don't know how we can go on like this! We can't save any money like this. I want us to buy a house someday. You just don't bring in enough money!"

They fought for awhile about her going back to work again. Later that week, they went back to the counselor.



Dr. Gil T. Feeling looked at their budget. He asked Willie how much he makes each month. "Wow!" said Dr. Feeling. "It looks like you spend more than you make! Let's get to the root of the problem. You have to get rid of some wants."

"Like what?" asked Willie.

"You have a choice," said Dr. Feeling. "You won't spend more than you make if you stop eating out and buying beer."

"Stop buying beer!" yelled Willie. "I can't live without beer."

"We can't stop eating out!" said Babe E. Face. "We need to enjoy life! But we can get along without Playboy Magazine."

"I enjoy Playboy Magazine more than eating at restaurants," said Willie.



Dr. Feeling looked at Willie. "I know that you need to enjoy life," he told them. "My fourth wife and I never put any money aside for fun. It spoiled our marriage! If you allow Babe E. Face to go back to work, you'll have enough money for beer and restaurants every month!"

Willie's mouth dropped open. "Boy, have I been a fool!" he told Babe E. Face. "Of course you can go back to work."

"Good," said Babe E. Face. "Now we can plan on saving enough money to buy a house."

"Great!" said Dr. Gil T. Feeling. "That will solve your biggest problem."



"We have some other problems," said Babe E. Face. "Willie never wants to help with our little boy. Also, he doesn't like to take showers."

"Right," said Dr. Feeling. "I don't know how you can live with a slob like that. He won't even help you with your child? I don't see how you can even stay with him."

Babe E. Face frowned. "Well it's not that bad," she told him. "Don't you dare call my Willie a slob!"

Dr. Feeling looked at Willie. "She calls you names all the time. Isn't that right?" he asked.

"That's right," said Willie. "She calls me fathead and slob all the time."



"My fifth wife and I used to call each other names," he told Willie. "It got so bad I finally had to leave the house. How can you stand to live with her? I wouldn't live with anyone that calls me names!"

Willie was boiling mad. "Don't say anything bad about my wife!" he yelled. "She can call me names whenever she wants to! She's my wife and I love her!"

Babe E. Face looked at Willie. "Oh Willie," she sighed.

"Oh Babe E. Face, my love! Let's get out of this fool's office. He's trying to spoil our marriage!"

Weird Willie and Babe E. Face joined hands and walked out of his office.



Dr. Feeling sat down to rest after a long day. His secretary asked about Willie and Babe E. Face. "Do you think they'll be back?" she asked him.

"No," said Dr. Feeling. "They love each other very much. Now they can work out their little problems."

"Why do people leave here so mad at you all the time?" asked his secretary.

"That's the roughest part of my job," he told her. "When they really love each other, I have to make them mad at me."

"Your wife called," she said. "Don't forget to meet her at the Ritz for dinner."

"I won't," said Dr. Feeling. "We were married on this day twenty years ago."

LOVE AND KISSES

Comprehension Check

1. How much money do Willie and Babe E. Face pay for rent?
 - a. \$150.00
 - b. \$300.00
 - c. \$45.00
 2. How much money does Willie make each month?
 - a. \$945.00
 - b. \$1,032.00
 - c. \$960.00
 3. What does Willie enjoy more than eating at restaurants?
 - a. drinking beer
 - b. buying gifts
 - c. Playboy magazine
 4. How can they solve their biggest problem?
 - a. by spending more money
 - b. by having Babe E. Face go to work
 - c. by having Willie change jobs
 5. Dr. Gil T. Feeling has been married
 - a. for twenty years
 - b. seven times
 - c. for thirty years
-

MEET RUFF U. UP

Before you read:

Say these words:

out	down	frown	destroy	look	noon
bounce	town	growl	boy	foot	stool
sound	cow	joint	law	roof	root
mouse	eyebrow	choice	paw	cook	brew
pound	owl	noise	lawn	moose	dew
around	power	avoid	hood	fool	new

Do you know these words?

cross	nose	guess	scare	corner	whiskey
thick	bushy	quiet	hobby	afraid	few
brown	fly	bottle	gentle	baseball	either

MEET RUFF U. UP



Meet Ruff U. Up. Ruff U. Up keep the law in Jim's Joint on the corner of First and Hood Street in downtown Riverdale. He's a bouncer.



Ruff U. Up looks like a cross between a cow and a moose. He has thick brown hair and a flat nose. He has bushy eyebrows and eyes like an owl. Ruff U. Up is a very powerful man. His arms are a foot wide and his hands look like paws. Only a fool would give Ruff U. Up a bad time.

Quite a few fools walk in and out of Jim's Joint at the corner of First and Hood. Chicken Hart knows Ruff U. Up quite well. Ruff U. Up throws Chicken Hart out of the bar every Saturday night and some Sunday afternoons. Ruff U. Up sits on a stool near the door waiting for people to start trouble.



He tells people who start trouble that they have a choice. They can either walk out or fly out. If you hear noise coming from the corner of First and Hood on a Saturday night, you can guess what it is. It's the sound of Ruff U. Up throwing people through the roof or bouncing them into the street.

Ruff U. Up is a very quiet man. He usually has a frown on his face. He doesn't drink beer, wine or whiskey. He drinks root beer. While he's at work, he sits on his stool and drinks one bottle of root beer after another. He enjoys his work. He's the best bouncer in Riverdale.



There are only three things that scare Ruff U. Up. Ruff U. Up is afraid of mice. He'll do anything to avoid a mouse. The last time he saw a mouse in Jim's Joint, he jumped up on the bar. He ran around the place breaking tables and glasses trying to get away. Ruff U. Up almost destroyed the place.

He's also scared of dogs. If a dog growls at Ruff U. Up, he runs away. Even small dogs scare him. Ruff U. Up will walk around the block to avoid meeting a dog. When he walks home from work, he keeps a pound of fresh meat in his coat pocket. If a dog growls at him, he gives the meat to the dog.



Ruff U. Up is also afraid of his wife. She's even bigger than he is! When he comes home from work, his wife makes him work around the house. He mows the lawn, cooks and cleans.

When he's not working, Ruff U. Up is a very gentle person. He only has one hobby. He loves to play with children. He goes to the Riverdale City Park on Saturday mornings to play with the kids. They ride on his back and he bounces them on his knee. He plays football and baseball and keeps the kids from fighting and getting into trouble. He plays with kids at the park all day. Saturday nights, Ruff U. Up goes back to Jim's Joint on the corner of First and Hood in downtown Riverdale.

MEET RUFF U. UP

Comprehension Check

1. **Ruff U. Up has a round nose.**
Yes No
 2. **What is Ruff U. Up afraid of? (Check 3)**
 - a. cats
 - b. mice
 - c. women
 - d. his wife
 - e. children
 - f. dogs
 3. **Ruff U. Up drinks**
 - a. whiskey
 - b. beer
 - c. root beer
 4. **What is Ruff U. Up's only hobby?**
 - a. playing with children
 - b. mowing the lawn
 - c. bouncing people into the street
 5. **Ruff U. Up is a very gentle person**
 - a. all of the time.
 - b. when he's working.
 - c. when he's not working.
-

NEW VOCABULARY PRESENTED IN BOOK 8

A

account
added
allow
amount
appointment
aside
avoid

B

bar
baseball
biggest
birthday
blouse
boll
born
brew
broken
brown
budget
bushy
buying

C

care
center
checking
child
choice
coin
community
complain
cook
cool
corner

counselor
count
crazy
crew

D

dare
destroy
dew
dress
dropped
drugs

E

electric
eyebrow

F

fast
felt
fly
fool
foot
fought
fourth
fresh
frown

G

gentle
habits
heating
hobby
honeymoon
howl
howling

I

into

J

joint
Jr.

K

kept
kids
knew

L

loud

M

magazine
mice
minute
moon
moose
mouse

N

noise
noon
nose

O

overdrawn
owl

P

paid
paw
Playboy

NEW VOCABULARY PRESENTED IN BOOK 8

pound
power
powerful

Q
quit

R
relax
rid
Ritz
roof
root
roughest

S
secretary
shook
shout
shower
sixth
slob
smell
solve
spent
spoil

stew
stool
stopped
Sunday

T
taxes
thick
Thursday
together
total
toy
trout
Tuesday

W
Wednesday
weeks
welcome
were
whiskey
wide
wow

Z
zoo

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MEET BERTHA BUYER

Before you read:

Say these words:

large	thirty	turkey	ear	butter	wrapper
Arthur	for	turn	hear	dinner	happier
bargain	fork	burn	year	brother	pitcher
far	forty	return	her	mother	together
farther	corn	disturb	other	father	Bertha
third	favorite	more	better	sister	perfect
thirteen	morning	store	bitter	oyster	wonderful

Do you know these words?

penny	roll	sweet	meant	yourself	quarter
sorry	tray	white	real	husband	saver
fresh	cube	wrong	laughed	dressing	shopper

MEET BERTHA BUYER



Meet Bertha Buyer. Bertha is the head shopper in her wonderful family. If there's a place to save a quarter or even a penny, you can bet she'll find it. Bertha is always looking for ways to make her money go farther.



Why just the other day, Bertha saw a bargain that she knew was a real money saver! "I couldn't be happier!" she yelled. "Real butter for thirteen cents a cube! I'll buy thirty cubes and save a lot of money. Better yet, I'll buy forty cubes and save even more money!"

Bertha bought the butter at her favorite store, Arthur's Discount Groceries. Bertha was so happy with her buy, she decided to cook a large dinner for her family. She cooked dinner for her brother, father, mother, sister, husband and children.



Bertha roasted a huge turkey with oyster dressing. She cooked fresh ears of corn and baked some hot butter rolls. For dessert, she baked sweet rolls. She filled some small glass pitchers with melted butter for the corn. Finally, she placed trays of butter on the table for the hot rolls.

"Do you like it?" she asked her husband Bert.

"Do I ever!" he said. "It's perfect. Our family will love the turkey, corn and rolls."

Everyone sat down to enjoy the dinner. "Here's to Bertha for a wonderful meal!" they all said together.



Bertha's father Albert took a bite of turkey. His face turned white. "What's wrong?" asked Bertha Buyer. "Did I burn the turkey?" "No," said Albert. "It tastes bitter! I can't eat any more." Bertha's sister Hester took a bite of corn. Her face turned green. "It's bitter!" she said. Bertha's mother Gertie took a bite out of a hot roll. She dropped her fork. "What's wrong?" asked Bertha. "Did I burn the rolls?" "No," said Gertie. "The rolls are bitter." "I'm so sorry!" said Bertha. "We have bitter turkey, corn and rolls!"



"It's the butter!" said Bertha Buyer's brother Peter.

"It can't be!" said Bertha. "I bought the butter this morning! It was a real bargain."

"It may have been a real bargain, but it's bitter," said Peter. "Why don't you try some yourself?"

Bertha took a taste of butter. "It's bitter!" she yelled. Bertha Buyer was disturbed. "I can't believe it!" she yelled. "They sold me bitter butter! Just wait until tomorrow morning! They are really going to hear from me! That butter tastes like it's a year old!"

The next morning, Bertha Buyer returned to Arthur's Discount Groceries. She asked to see Arthur Grocer.



"Mr. Grocer," she said. "You remember I bought forty cubes of butter yesterday?"

Albert Grocer smiled. "Certainly Mrs. Buyer. You're my number one shopper. I always remember my best customers!"

"Well the butter could have been fresher, Mr. Grocer!" Arthur Grocer asked her what she meant by that. "It's bitter butter Grocer!" she yelled, her face red with anger.

"Of course it's bitter, Mrs. Buyer," said Arthur Grocer. "Read the wrapper." He pointed to the wrapper. Bertha finally read the wrapper. Sure enough, it said "Better Bitter Butter".

Arthur Grocer laughed. "That's why it's cheaper!" Bertha Buyer's face turned redder and redder ...

MEET BERTHA BUYER

Comprehension Check

1. How old is Bertha Buyer?
 - a. 35 years old
 - b. 25 years old
 - c. the story doesn't say
 2. How much did the butter cost per cube?
 - a. thirteen cents
 - b. thirty cents
 - c. forty cents
 3. What did Bertha cook for dinner? (Check 3)
 - a. pork stew
 - b. corn
 - c. oyster stew
 - d. hot rolls
 - e. beef roast
 - f. turkey
 4. The roast turkey was bitter because
 - a. she burned it.
 - b. of the butter.
 - c. she didn't cook it long enough.
 5. What should Bertha Buyer have done?
 - a. She should have read the wrapper.
 - b. She should have hit the grocer.
 - c. She should have cooked roast pig.
-

BERTHA BUYER GETS RIPPED OFF

Before you read:

Say these words:

smart	bar	sure	store	per	battery
hard	burglar	figure	shirt	jerk	remover
largest	purchase	for	tired	super	consumer
carpet	turn	order	year	over	detergent
alarm	return	morning	hear	number	certainly
park	picture	tom	fear	letter	grocery

Do you know these words?

learn	divide	system	buttons	vending	nickel
size	ounce	written	alley	machine	protect
economy	poured	clothing	replace	handle	junk

BERTHA BUYER GETS RIPPED OFF



Bertha Buyer thinks she's a smart shopper. Over the years, she has learned some useful things about buying goods. But even the smartest shopper can make a bad purchase. Bertha has certainly made a lot of bad purchases.

Bertha has purchased a lot of things just because the price was low. It's hard for Bertha to keep away from sales. She found out that low prices alone don't mean you get a good buy. Let's follow Bertha through a week of bad purchases.



MONDAY

Bertha is looking at three sizes of Zappo Detergent in the grocery store. The largest size is called the Super Economy Size. It costs \$3.00 for 24 ounces. The family size costs \$1.50 for 17 ounces. The smallest size costs \$1.00 for 6 ounces.

Bertha buys the largest size because she thinks it's the best buy. When she gets home she figures out how much money the economy size costs per ounce. She divides the cost by the number of ounces. Bertha finds she paid almost 13¢ per ounce. Bertha divides the cost by the number of ounces for the family size. She finds out that the family size only costs 9¢ per ounce. When she uses Zappo detergent, it turns her clothes yellow.



TUESDAY

Two months ago, Bertha sent away for a stain remover for her carpet. Bertha was happy when it finally came in the mail. She found the ad for the stain remover in a mail order book. The ad said:

CARPET STAIN REMOVER

Will remove any stain

Your money back if it
doesn't work

\$2.00 per bottle + 35¢ shipping

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____

Zip _____

TO: ACE Inc.

P.O. Box 21

NY NY, 90007

Bertha poured the stain remover on some grease spots. The stains came out but so did the carpet. There were holes in the carpet where-
ever she poured the stain remover. Bertha didn't get her money back
because the stain remover worked.



WEDNESDAY

A door-to-door salesman talked with Bertha all morning. He told her about a home alarm system that would scare burglars away. He showed Bertha pictures of the alarm and told her how it works. He gave Bertha letters that people had written about how well the alarm works.

Bertha wanted to make sure her home was safe so she decided to buy the alarm system. She gave him a check for \$100.00. The salesman gave her a card with his name and phone number. He told her he would bring the alarm the next day. Bertha never saw him again. She called the number on the card. It was the phone number of the Riverdale City Dump.



THURSDAY

Bertha needs to buy some school clothes for her children. She finds an ad for shirts in the morning paper. The ad says:

BOY'S SHIRTS
60% discount
Thursday only at:
SLEE-Z Clothes,
Riverdale's Finest
Clothing Store

She rushes downtown to SLEE-Z Clothes. The shirts are in a large bin. Bertha buys six shirts for her son. When Bertha gets home, she finds that three of the shirts are torn. Two shirts have one sleeve longer than the other. The last shirt is missing two buttons and doesn't fit. Bertha can't return the shirts because they were on sale. When Bertha calls the store, they tell her that all sales are final.



FRIDAY

Bertha is shopping downtown. She wants to save money on parking so she parks in an alley. It would have cost her two dollars in the City Parking Lot. When Bertha gets back to her car, her hubcaps and battery are gone. It costs Bertha sixty dollars to replace them.

Later in the day, she stops to buy a candy bar. Bertha puts a quarter into a vending machine and presses the button. Nothing happens. She pushes the coin return handle. She gets a nickel back. She puts another quarter into the slot and presses the button. Nothing happens. Bertha kicks the machine and out drops a candy bar. The candy bar is so old it's as hard as a rock. Bertha breaks a tooth when she bites into it.



SATURDAY

Bertha is tired of getting ripped off. She is so mad she screams at her husband most of the morning. "Those idiots have ripped me off for the last time! I'm never going to make a bad buy again!"

Bertha spends the day reading a book named "How to Protect Yourself: A Consumer's Handbook". She reads about how to read ads. The book tells her how to be a smart shopper and avoid buying junk. She learns how to handle door-to-door salesmen. Finally, Bertha stands up and yells out the window. "The next jerk who tries to sell me a piece of junk is in for some trouble!"

BERTHA BUYER GETS RIPPED OFF

Comprehension Check

- 1. Bertha found out that low prices**
 - a. always mean you get a good buy.
 - b. don't mean you get a good buy.
 - c. are hard to find.
 - 2. Which size of Zappo detergent is the best buy?**
 - a. the family size
 - b. the smallest size
 - c. the super economy size
 - 3. The smallest size of Zappo detergent costs \$1.00 for 6 ounces. You can find the price per ounce by**
 - a. dividing the number of ounces by the cost.
 - b. dividing the cost by the number of ounces.
 - c. adding the cost and the number of ounces.
 - 4. Bertha couldn't return the shirts she bought because**
 - a. she lost the price tag.
 - b. her son wore them for a week.
 - c. they were on sale.
 - 5. What did the book that Bertha read teach her to do? (Check 3)**

a. read ads	d. make bad buys
b. save money	e. avoid buying junk
c. handle salesmen	f. sell junk
-

BERTHA BUYER MEETS U.R. STUCK

Before you read:

Say these words:

card	affair	burp	form
carpet	rare	return	informed
march	aware	Saturday	Orient
bargain	care	hurried	import
armed	compare	surprised	information
department	carefully	first	California
hair	hardware	third	morning
	forgot	clerk	
	correct	jerk	
	support	service	
	solicitor	nervous	
	store	person	
	before	consumer	
	require	certified	

Do you know these words?

limit	stock	receipt	license
proud	hell	accept	coupons
cancel	agency	address	deluxe
notice	bottle	contract	program
	doorbell	paragraph	
	register	cancellation	
	received	misleading	
	protection	customer	

BERTHA BUYER MEETS U.R. STUCK



Bertha is armed with all the information she needs. After reading a consumer's handbook, Bertha knows how to buy goods without being cheated. She knows how to protect herself from misleading ads. She knows her rights under California law. Bertha is sorry she didn't read about her rights before. She could have saved herself a lot of money.

Now when Bertha reads ads in the morning paper, she looks them over very carefully. She always compares prices before buying. Last Saturday, Bertha cut out some food coupons for a sale at Arthur's Discount Groceries. The coupons offered eggs, canned soup and flour at a big discount. Bertha hurried to the store the next morning.



The coupons were good from March first through the third. Bertha entered the store at 9 A.M. on the first of March. Bertha was surprised to find that they didn't have the eggs, flour or soup. "What the hell is going on here?" She asked the stock clerk.

"I'm sorry," he told her, "but we're out already. We have lots of other bargains for you."

"You're out only 5 minutes after opening!" She yelled. Bertha walked up to Arthur. "Listen you jerk! You are required by law to have enough in stock to support your coupons. I'm calling the Department of Consumer Affairs!"

"Now now," said Arthur. "Let's not have any trouble. Just pick other brands and I'll sell them to you at the discount price, O.K.?"

Bertha was very proud of herself. She got the discount.



Bertha saw an ad in the paper the next day that looked great. The ad offered window cleaner at the local hardware store for only 29¢ a bottle. Since Bertha uses a lot of window cleaner, she decided to buy six bottles. She cut out the ad and went to the hardware store. When Bertha found the window cleaner, she saw a sign that said "Limit - one bottle per customer". She grabbed six bottles and took them to the cash register. The clerk told her she could buy only one bottle. "I'm buying six," she told the clerk. The clerk went to get the manager.

"I'm sorry Miss," said the manager. "Didn't you read the sign? You only get one bottle."

"That's nice," said Bertha. "Your ad didn't say there was any limit. If there is a limit, it has to say so in the ad. You have to let me buy six or else you're breaking the law."

The manager had to let Bertha buy six bottles at the sale price.



Bertha Buyer is watching her favorite T.V. program, As the World Burps, when the doorbell rings.

U.R. Stuck: Good morning beautiful, I have a free gift for you this morning. Here's a deluxe can opener for free.

Bertha Buyer: Thank you.

U.R. Stuck: Now just sign this paper saying you received your free gift.

Bertha Buyer: No, I'm not signing anything. What's your name? What company are you from and what are you selling?

U.R. Stuck: U.R. Stuck at your service my dear. I'm from the CHEEPO company. Today, I have a rare imported rug for you. It was made in the Orient. It sells for only sixty dollars.

Bertha Buyer: What a beautiful rug! Let me see your license.

U.R. Stuck: My driver's license?

Bertha Buyer: No, your solicitor's license. If you don't have one, you're breaking the law. You need one to sell door-to-door.



U.R. Stuck is beginning to get nervous. It's rare for him to find a person so well informed.

U.R. Stuck: Here's my solicitor's license. Now if you'll just sign this form. It just says that you know my name, company and saw my license.

Bertha Buyer: No, I won't sign it. If I sign it, I give up my rights under California law. Forget it.

U.R. Stuck: Do you like the rug?

Bertha Buyer: I love it.

U.R. Stuck: Remember, it's only sixty dollars. Here's a contract to sign. Just give me a check for sixty dollars and I'll leave the rug.

Bertha Buyer: Just leave the contract. I'm going to look it over. Is this your correct address and phone number? If it isn't you're breaking the law.

U.R. Stuck gave Bertha another card with his correct address and phone number.



That afternoon, Bertha looked all over town for the same rug. She found the same rugs at the Riverdale Carpet Company. They were selling for \$70.00 each. Bertha read the contract carefully. The next morning, U.R. Stuck knocked on the door.

U.R. Stuck: A very good morning to you Mrs. Buyer. Would you like to buy the rare Oriental rug?

Bertha Buyer: It isn't exactly rare. They have a thousand of the same rugs over at the Riverdale Carpet Company. Also, I don't like the contract. I'll buy the rug if you take out the last paragraph.

U.R. Stuck: My mistake. I must have left the wrong contract. Here's one without that paragraph.

Bertha wrote out a check for sixty dollars. She didn't sign the contract right away. First, she asked for a receipt and took the rug.



Bertha Buyer: Now, before I sign the contract, give me the cancellation forms.

U.R. Stuck: The what?

Bertha Buyer: The notice of cancellation forms. If I don't like the rug, I have three days to cancel the contract.

U.R. Stuck: Of course ... I almost forgot. How silly of me to forget. Here they are.

Bertha signed the contract and gave U.R. Stuck the check. Two days later, she decided that she didn't like the rug. It was too big for her living room. She filled out the cancellation forms and sent them through certified mail. Bertha waited five days for U.R. Stuck to return her money.



Bertha called U.R. Stuck on the sixth day.

Bertha Buyer: Why haven't you returned my money?

U.R. Stuck: I'm very sorry Mrs. Buyer but we can't return your money.

Bertha Buyer: Are you aware that you have ten days to return my money?

U.R. Stuck: The rug was on sale. We can't accept any returns.

Bertha Buyer: You're wrong. You'll be hearing from me.

Bertha called the Riverdale Consumer Protection Agency. The agency called the Police Department where U.R. Stuck's solicitor's license was on file. The Police Department called U.R. Stuck. They told him he could lose his license if he didn't return the money. U.R. Stuck sent the money back to Bertha eight days after she had signed the contract.



One month later, U.R. Stuck came by to pick up the rug.

U.R. Stuck: I'm here to pick up our rug.

Bertha Buyer: I'm sorry but I can't give you my rug.

U.R. Stuck: Your rug? I gave you your money back. It's our rug!

Bertha Buyer: No it isn't. You had twenty days to pick it up. After that amount of time, it became my rug under the law.
Goodbye!

Bertha slammed the door. U.R. Stuck started pulling his hair out. "Damn!" he yelled. "It's getting harder to cheat people! I won't be able to make a living with people like her around!"

BERTHA BUYER MEETS U.R. STUCK

Comprehension Check

1. **If Bertha had read about her rights before, she could have**
 - a. made a lot of money.
 - b. saved a lot of money.
 - c. lost a lot of money.
2. **How long were the coupons good for at Arthur's Discount Groceries?**
 - a. three days
 - b. two days
 - c. one day
3. **Bertha told Arthur she was going to call**
 - a. the Police Department.
 - b. the Riverdale Dog Kennel.
 - c. the Department of Consumer Affairs.
4. **Stores in California are required to have enough food in stock to support their coupons.**

yes no
5. **The manager of the hardware store let Bertha buy six bottles at the sale price because**
 - a. he wanted to get rid of the window cleaner.
 - b. his ad didn't say there was any limit.
 - c. the window cleaner was old.

- 6. Which questions did Bertha ask U.R. Stuck after she received her free gift? (Check 3)**
- a. How old are you?
 - b. What's your name?
 - c. What company are you from?
 - d. Do you have any children?
 - e. What are you selling?
 - f. Would you like to come in?
- 7. A person who sells door-to-door in California must have**
- a. a solicitor's license.
 - b. a driver's license.
 - c. a free gift.
- 8. Before Bertha bought the rug, she**
- a. read the contract and compared prices.
 - b. compared prices and ripped up the contract.
 - c. called the Police Department.
- 9. Before Bertha signed the contract, she made sure she had**
- a. the receipt and a free gift.
 - b. the receipt, rug and cancellation forms.
 - c. the receipt, rug and solicitor's license.
- 10. How many days did Bertha have to cancel the contract?**
- a. two days
 - b. three days
 - c. four days
-

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF LAURA LA BOOM

Before you read:

Say these words:

girl	horrible	department	purple
dirty	moming	start	burst
stir	comer	turn	hurry
Mort	smart	curb	store
for	park	bum	ignore
forever	car	churn	more
pork	far	purse	before

fore	ever
year	Chester
wander	clerk
wonder	water
wonderful	anger
sister	jeweler
diner	perhaps

Do you know these words?

seem	crosses	notice	spill	moment	tomorrow
nice	traffic	sandwich	calm	chase	great

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF LAURA LA BOOM



Meet Laura La Boom. People always seem to like Laura. She isn't very smart, but she always gets her way.



People are always nice to her. Whenever she walks down the street, heads turn. People walk into parked cars. They trip over curbs and bump into telephone poles. Laura never worries when she crosses the street. When she steps off the curb, traffic stops.

Today Laura is in a hurry because she's late for an appointment. She's going to meet her sister for lunch at Mort's diner. Laura hasn't seen her sister for a year because they live so far apart. Laura lives in Riverdale and her sister lives in Carverville. They live 100 miles from each other.



Meet Laura's sister Chester. Don't you think Chester is a weird name for a girl? Everyone who meets Chester thinks it's a weird name. Even Chester thinks Chester is a weird name for a girl.

Chester is a sales clerk at the Carverville Department Store. Chester is not quite as pretty as her sister. When Chester walks down the street, people don't even notice. When she crosses the street, the cars don't even stop. She has to run for her life to get to the other side. It isn't that people don't like her, they just don't notice her. A lot of people just ignore her.



"Chester!" says Laura, "how wonderful to see you! Let's have some lunch and talk. We haven't seen each other for such a long time."

"You look great!" says Chester. "It seems like it's been forever!"

Chester and Laura wander into Mort's diner together. They talk about the fun they had when they were younger. Chester tells Laura about her job in Carverville. Laura tells Chester about her life in Riverdale.

The waiter comes to take their orders. Chester orders hot turkey with corn. Laura orders a pork dip sandwich and salad.



The waiter seems to like Laura. "Would you like more water Miss La Boom?" he asks.

"No thank you," answers Laura.

"I'd like some more water," says Chester. The waiter ignores Chester and walks over to another table. Chester gets mad.

"Waiter!" she yells. "I need more water!"

"Why didn't you tell me before?" asks the waiter. The waiter spills water all over Chester because he's looking at Laura.

"Of all the horrible waiters!" screams Chester.

"Don't get burned up!" says Laura. "I'll pay for our lunch. That should make you feel better."

"I feel better already," says Chester.



The waiter brings Laura La Boom the bill. There's a note on the back of the bill.

It says:

Dear Miss La Boom:
For you my head turns
For you my lips burn
For you my heart churns
If you will only look at me
Your lunch will be free
Love Forever,

Lester the Waiter

Laura smiles at the waiter. "Isn't that sweet of Lester, Chester?" asks Laura.

"He couldn't be sweeter," says Chester. Chester tries to smile.



After lunch, Laura and Chester take a walk together. During their walk, Chester's purse chain breaks. Everything falls out of the purse. Her face turns purple. "I@#\$%??*&%+!!!," screams Chester. "Why did I ever get out of bed this morning?"

"Such anger!" says Laura. "Be calm, there's a jeweler around the corner. Perhaps he can fix your purse for us?" Laura and Chester walk into Dirty Dan's Jewelry Shop.

"I'm Dirty Dan the jeweler man!" says the jeweler. What can I do for you?" "Can you fix my sister Chester's purse chain?" asks Laura La Boom. "Can I ever!" says Dirty Dan. "Leave it to me girls!" The jeweler runs to a little room at the back of the store.



"Come on back for a moment," says Dirty Dan. Chester starts to walk to the back of the store. "Not you Chester!" says the jeweler. "Your sister!" "Whatever for?" asks Laura La Boom.

"I want to show you something" says Dirty Dan. Laura La Boom walks to the back of the store. Dan shuts the door.

Chester hears a scream. "Let me out of here!" yells Laura. She bursts through the door. Dirty Dan chases after Laura. Dan trips over a chair.



"I'm sorry about your purse," Laura tells Chester. "I tore it when I hit the jeweler. He pushed me into a corner."

"That's all right," says Chester. "I need a new purse anyway." Chester tells Laura she has to leave. "It's a two hour drive back to Carverville. I don't want to be late."

Laura La Boom waves goodbye to her sister Chester. Laura hopes she has a better day tomorrow.

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF LAURA LA BOOM

Comprehension Check

1. **Why is Laura La Boom in a hurry?**
 - a. She's late for work.
 - b. She's late for an appointment.
 - c. She wants to catch a bus.
 2. **How many miles is Carverville from Riverdale?**
 - a. 100 miles
 - b. 200 miles
 - c. 50 miles
 3. **When Chester walks down the street,**
 - a. heads turn.
 - b. cars stop for her.
 - c. people don't even notice.
 4. **Why do people like Laura La Boom?**
 - a. because she's pretty
 - b. because she's rich
 - c. because she's ugly
 5. **Write a number on each blank to show what happened in order. Write the number 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 on each blank.**
 - _____ Chester's purse chain breaks
 - _____ They meet at Mort's diner
 - _____ Dan trips over a chair
 - _____ Laura bursts through the door
 - _____ The waiter spills water on Chester
-

NEW VOCABULARY INTRODUCED IN BOOK 9

A

accept
address
affair
agency
alarm
alley
anger
armed
Arthur
aware

B

bargain
Bertha
bitter
brother
burglar
burp
burst
butter
buttons

C

candy
cancel
cancellation
carpet
cash
certainly
certified
Chester
chum
clerk

clothing
compare
consumer
com
correct
coupons
curb
customer

D

deluxe
department
dessert
detergent
diner
disturb
divide
dressing

E

ear
earn
economy

F

farther
fear
figure
finest
follow
fork
form
forty

G

grocery

H

handle
happier
hardware
hell
hot
hurried
hurry

I

ignore
import
informed

J

jerk
jeweler
junk

L

largest
letter
license
limit

M

machine
March
meant
melted
misleading

NEW VOCABULARY INTRODUCED IN BOOK 9

moment
Mort

N
nickel
notice

O
Orient
ounce
oyster

P
paragraph
penny
per
perhaps
pitcher
pork
program
protect
protection
proud
purchase
purple
purse

Q
quarter

R
rare
receipt
received
register
remover
replace
require
return
roasted

S
sandwich
saver
service
shopper
silly
sister
size
slot
solicitor

spill
stain
stir
stock
super
support

T
tomorrow
tore
tom
traffic
tray
turkey

U
useful

V
vending

W
wander
wrapper
written

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A Death in the Family

Before you read:

Review the meanings:

dis = not
dis = not

As in dislike
As in disagree:
disagreement:
As in disease:
As in disgust:

not like, a feeling of not liking
not agree
argument, dispute
not well, illness
not like, to feel sick about, to
cause to feel sick

un = not

As in unable:
As in unhappy:
As in uncertain:

not able, helpless
not happy
not certain or sure, not known
for sure.
not lucky

fortunate = lucky unfortunate:
comfortable = cozy, providing ease
uncomfortable = not cozy, not providing ease

ful = having, full of As in sorrowful:
ous = having, full of As in helpful:
 As in furious:

full of sadness, sorrow
full of help, useful
full of anger, fury

de = down, away, off As in depress:

depressed:
As in destroy:

press down, feel sad or
"down"
pressed down, sad
break down, do away with

pre = before, in front of As in precook:

As in prepay:
As in prevent:

cook before
pay before, in advance
stop something before it
happens, keep from
happening

less = without

As in helpless:
As in homeless:
As in luckless:

without help, not able to
help
without a home
without luck, unlucky

A Death in the Family

Before you read:

Do you know these words?

rabies (rā'beez) **A disease of the nervous system.**

vaccination (vāk'sin ā'shun) **A shot or medicine to protect against disease.**

veterinarian (vet'ur in air'ē un) **A doctor for animals.**

result (rē zult') **What happens, the effect of an action.**

board (bord) **As in room and board; meals and/or a room given for pay.**

A Death in the Family



Deaf Dan's dog King always gets Dan into trouble with his next door neighbor. Deaf Dan and his neighbor, Red Neck, have been fighting for years about King. King goes to the bathroom in Red Neck's flower garden. He digs up his lawn to bury bones and he chases after Red Neck's dog Fluffy.

Whenever Red Neck goes to Dan's house to complain, they have a disagreement. Dan turns down his hearing aid because Red Neck yells so loud. That makes Red Neck furious because Dan can't hear what he's saying. Dan really doesn't dislike Red Neck. He just can't understand why Red Neck gets so mad. "King's a good dog!" Dan always tells him.



(Red Neck has just caught King digging up his lawn. He runs next door to Dan's place.)

Red Neck: I just found King digging up my lawn!

Deaf Dan: Thank you very much. I'm very fond of King too!

Red Neck: Can't you hear! I said King is digging up my grass!

Deaf Dan: Yes, King does have a lot of class. It comes from being around me.

Red Neck: Keep your dog out of my yard!

Deaf Dan: Yes, King is a good dog.

Red Neck: ... and another thing. Keep your dog away from Fluffy!

Deaf Dan: No, King can't stay with Fluffy. I need him here.

Red Neck walked away talking to himself.



(Red Neck has just caught King going to the bathroom in his flower garden.)

Red Neck: I've had it with your dog! Do you know that King pees in my flower garden?

Deaf Dan: ... fleas in your flower garden? So that's where King gets fleas. You should get rid of the fleas Red Neck. They bother King.

Red Neck: Now listen Dan! The next time King goes to the bathroom in my garden, I'm sending Fluffy over to go to the bathroom on your lawn!

Deaf Dan: Great! King loves to play with Fluffy. I think they really like each other.

Red Neck felt helpless. He walked away pulling out his hair and talking to himself.



Exactly one week later, King went to the bathroom in Red Neck's flower garden. Red Neck sent his dog Fluffy over to Dan's house to go to the bathroom on Dan's lawn. A man from the Riverdale Animal Control Shelter picked Fluffy up because Fluffy didn't have a license.

When Red Neck finally found out what happened to Fluffy, he was furious. Red Neck had to pay twenty-five dollars to get Fluffy out of the Riverdale Control Shelter. He had to pay for a Rabies Vaccination, dog license, food and two days board for Fluffy.

Red Neck was disgusted and unhappy. He wanted to prevent King from killing his flowers. No matter how hard he tried to protect his flowers, King found a way to destroy them.



(A few weeks later)

Dan noticed that King wasn't acting like himself. King had only dug up Red Neck's lawn once in the last month and King seemed depressed. He slept for hours and wouldn't eat his food. When King got up in the morning, he was barely able to drag himself over to Red Neck's flower garden.

Deaf Dan became worried. He couldn't understand why King was so sleepy all the time. Dan made an appointment with King's doctor for the next morning. King's Veterinarian, Dr. Kay Nine, ran some tests on King and took some X-rays. She told Dan it would take awhile for the results of her tests. Dan took King home. Dr. Kay Nine told Dan to keep King comfortable.



Dr. Kay Nine called Dan the next morning with some depressing news. "I'm sorry Dan," she told him. "King is very sick. He has a disease we can't cure."

"... A disease you can't cure?" asked Dan. "What is it? How much longer will King live?"

"The disease is simply old age," she told him. "King is twenty years old! His heart is weak. His eyes are old. His bones are weak. It's unfortunate Dan; but I can't tell you how much longer King will live. If King feels uncomfortable, I believe we should put him to sleep."

Dan was shocked. Deaf Dan always knew that King wouldn't live forever. He also knew that King had been alive longer than most dogs. A sorrowful Dan thanked Dr. Kay Nine and said goodbye.



During the next week, Dan tried to make sure that King was comfortable. King was unable to walk without resting every few feet. He made sure King had plenty of water and food nearby, but King wouldn't eat or drink.

Dan was uncertain about what to do. He didn't want King to suffer but he was unable to have him put to sleep. On Friday morning, Dan could see that King was in pain. That afternoon, Dan decided what he had to do. He called Dr. Kay Nine and told her he would bring King in Saturday morning.

On Friday night, Dan sat in an armchair next to King. Dan wanted to be near King on his last night. Dan fell asleep. He never had to take King to Dr. Kay Nine. While Dan slept, King quietly passed away in his sleep.

A Death in the Family

Comprehension Check

- 1. Deaf Dan can't understand why Red Neck**
 - a. likes his flower garden.
 - b. gets so mad.
 - c. likes King.
 - 2. Why was Fluffy picked up by the Riverdale Animal Control Shelter?**
 - a. because he didn't have a license.
 - b. because he was on Deaf Dan's lawn.
 - c. because he needed a vaccination.
 - 3. How did Red Neck feel after he had to pay \$25.00?**
 - a. joyous and fulfilled
 - b. nervous and furious
 - c. disgusted and unhappy
 - 4. How did Dan know that King didn't feel well? (Check 3)**

a. He ate like a hog.	d. He slept for hours.
b. He seemed depressed.	e. He played with Fluffy.
c. He wouldn't eat.	f. He bit Red Neck.
 - 5. How old was King when he passed away?**
 - a. nineteen years
 - b. thirteen years
 - c. twenty years
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A Death in the Family

Vocabulary Check

1. He felt disgusted about his phone bill.
 - a. He was joyful about it.
 - b. He was sick about it.
 - c. He was uncertain about it.
 2. The result of his yelling was a sore throat.
 - a. effect
 - b. answer
 - c. question
 3. An unfortunate result of her hike in the hills was
 - a. plenty of fresh air.
 - b. some good exercise.
 - c. a broken leg.
 4. Match the word on the left with the word that means the same on the right.

_____	furious	a. illness
_____	depressed	b. useful
_____	disease	c. lucky
_____	fortunate	d. angry
_____	helpful	e. sad
 5. She was uncertain about her work.
 - a. not sure about
 - b. angry about
 - c. sure about
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GOODBYE AND HELLO

Before you read:

Review the meanings:

pre = before	as in	prepare:	make ready before hand
	as in	previous	going before in time or order. eg. He will come previous to your speech.

	as in	preview:	view before
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de = down, away, from, off	as in	desert:	to go away from or leave without returning
	as in	decease:	to go away from life.
		deceased:	dead.
	as in	depart:	to go away from, leave

dis = not	as in	dissatisfied:	not satisfied
	as in	disappoint:	not meet hopes or expected results.
		disappointing:	not meeting one's hopes

GOODBYE AND HELLO

Before you read:

Review the meanings:

re = again, back	as in	review:	look at again, go over again
	as in	replace:	put back again or take the place of. eg. He replaced the broken vase.
	as in	remember:	to bring back to mind, think of again.
	as in	recall:	call back again, remember
	as in	return:	come back again

able = fit for, able to be	as in	lovable:	able to be loved
	as in	likable:	able to be liked
	as in	believable	able to be believed

un = not	as in	unbelievable:	not able to be believed
	as in	unhappy:	not happy

GOODBYE AND HELLO

in = not or within as in inexpensive: not expensive,
not costly

as in incomplete: not complete

Do you know these words?

litter: (li'ter) **offspring, as in a litter of puppies**

continue: (kun tin'yoo): **to carry on, go on or keep up**

guilty: (gil'tee): **to carry the blame or responsibility for an action. To feel guilty: to feel bad about or feel responsible for.**

secretly: (see'krut lee): **without showing or telling anyone, hidden from everyone**

cheapskate: (cheep'skate): **a person who doesn't like to spend money or share costs**

Goodbye and Hello



King's death caught Deaf Dan by surprise. Even though Dan knew King would pass away someday, he wasn't really prepared for it. King had been with Dan for twenty years. He knew that King could never be replaced. Dan was depressed for days.

Once Dan got over the shock of losing King, he told his friends what happened. Dan got a lot of phone calls and cards from friends. Lotta Hart visited Dan every day to make sure he wasn't alone. Even Red Neck told Dan he was sorry about King. "King was such a lovable dog", Red Neck said. Secretly, Red Neck was happy. His flower garden was finally safe.



Dan wanted to have a funeral for King so he looked around for a funeral home. He finally found a funeral service for dogs. The funeral home was named "Doggie Meadows". Dan called the Director to make an appointment.

Dan hadn't done any previous planning. He had no idea how much the funeral would cost. Dan hadn't saved any money but he was hopeful that it would be inexpensive. He also wanted to let everyone know about King's passing away. He placed a notice in the Riverdale News.

In memory of King
Now deceased
1958 - 1979
He will be remembered.



Dan went to Doggie Meadows to talk with the Director. He was unhappy when the Director told him the cost of a funeral.

"How much do you charge for funerals?" he asked the Director.

"We have a number of prices," he told Dan. "Our Super-Deluxe funeral costs \$2000.00. Our Deluxe funeral costs \$1500.00. Our Budget Special costs \$1000.00 and our Cheapskate Special costs \$600.00! I'm sure you want only the very best for your dear departed dog."

"2,000.00!" said Dan. "I can't even afford \$600.00! Why are they so expensive?"

"Didn't you love your dog?" asked the Director. "You can always take out a loan."

"Of course I loved my dog!" Dan yelled. "I just want to have enough money to eat for the next six months!"



Dan was dissatisfied with the price. He went home filled with sadness. He wanted to have a nice funeral for King but he didn't have much money. Dan felt guilty. He thought about taking out a loan.

Later in the day, Bertha Buyer called to tell Dan she was sorry about King. Dan told Bertha about his disappointing meeting with the Director of Doggie Meadows.

Bertha became disgusted. "That doesn't sound right to me!" she told Dan. "I'll call you back later."

Bertha read about funerals in her consumer's handbook. She called Dan back and gave him some information. "I'd like to go with you to Doggie Meadows," she said. "I think we can get a better price."



Dan returned to Doggie Meadows with Bertha. She met the Director and asked him a few questions. "Where is the casket for your cheapest funeral?" She asked. The Director told her the casket was in the back room. Bertha frowned. "The law says the caskets must each have a price tag and be on display!"

The Director frowned. "Oh!" he said. "I didn't know that."

"Will you please give me a list of charges for your least expensive funeral?" she asked. The director told Bertha he didn't have a list made up. When Bertha told him he was breaking the law, he became worried.

Bertha and Dan talked with the Director for over an hour. He gave Dan a special discount. Dan signed a contract to pay \$400.00 for a Budget Special Funeral.



Dan continued his speech. "There were only three things that King didn't like. He didn't like fleas, dry dog food and male bulldogs. I recall three things he loved during his life. All King needed to be happy was a good bone, his velvet dog blanket and a female poodle ... not necessarily in that order. I will always remember King as a faithful, likable, wonderful, beautiful animal. King will always be remembered as a dog that stood for something ... and sat, jumped, barked and rolled over for what he believed in. Yes, King lived a dog's life; he lived a full life. King was a good dog."

King's friends walked by his grave. They left flowers. Many people cried for King. Dan's closest friends came by Dan's house after the funeral. They had a large meal and stayed with Dan until late afternoon.



Now Dan was alone and lonely. He was glad when the doorbell rang because he needed to talk with someone. When Dan opened the door, Red Neck was standing there frowning.

"Listen Dan!" he yelled. "My dog Fluffy just gave birth to a litter of puppies! They all look exactly like King! I told you to keep King away from my Fluffy! I don't want them You have to take them!"

Dan looked at the box filled with puppies. They all looked exactly like King. Deaf Dan took them in. Three weeks later, they were all strong enough to crawl over to Red Necks yard. One of the puppies went to the bathroom in Red Necks flower garden. Dan named him King Jr. Now Red Neck has to worry about six dogs digging up his lawn. "King lives on!" yelled Deaf Dan.

Goodbye and Hello

Comprehension Check

- 1. How did Red Neck feel about King's death?**
 - a. He was sorry.
 - b. He missed King.
 - c. He was glad.

- 2. Dan did a lot of planning for the funeral before King's death.**
Yes _____ No _____

- 3. How much money did Dan save for King's funeral?**
 - a. He didn't save any money.
 - b. He saved \$1,000.00.
 - c. He saved \$600.00.

- 4. The cheapest funeral at Doggie Meadows is called the**
 - a. Budget Special
 - b. Cheapskate Special
 - c. Deluxe Special

- 5. In order to pay for the funeral, the Director told Dan he could**
 - a. take out a loan.
 - b. pay a little bit at a time.
 - c. get a job at night.

- 6. How was the Director of Doggie Meadows breaking the law? (Check 2)**
 - a. He didn't have a list of charges.
 - b. He was charging too much money.
 - c. He had too many price tags.
 - d. His least expensive caskets weren't on display.

7. Dan was able to get a discount price because

- a. the Director was sad about King's death.
- b. Bertha Buyer helped him.
- c. Doggie Meadows had a special that month.

8. Check the boxes for the sentences that are true. (Check 3)

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|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| a. King hated cats. | d. King never knew his parents. |
| b. King had a tough life. | e. King was bitter. |
| c. King's father was a beagle. | f. his father was a policedog. |

9. What are three things that King didn't like? (Check 3)

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|------------------|---------------|
| a. dry dog food | d. his mother |
| b. steak bones | e. fleas |
| c. male bulldogs | f. male cats |

10. What are three things that King needed to be happy? (Check 3)

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|----------------------------|--------------------|
| a. dry dog food | d. beef stew |
| b. a female poodle | e. a flower garden |
| c. his velvet dog blanket. | f. a good bone |

11. In what way does King continue to live?

- a. Red Neck will never forget him.
- b. Dan can visit Doggie Meadows.
- c. King's puppies will remind people of him.

Goodbye and Hello

Vocabulary Check

1. **Dan was not prepared for King's death.**
 - a. ready
 - b. satisfied
 - c. happy

 2. **His story was not believable.**
 - a. People thought it was true
 - b. People thought it was untrue.
 - c. People thought it was lovable.

 3. **An inexpensive coat.**
 - a. costs a lot of money.
 - b. can't be replaced.
 - c. doesn't cost a lot of money.

 4. **Match the word on the left with the word or words that mean the same on the right.**

_____ recall	a. go over
_____ depart	b. put back
_____ deceased	c. remember
_____ replace	d. dead
_____ review	e. leave

 5. **His friends deserted him.**
 - a. gave him some ice-cream
 - b. invited him to a party
 - c. left him without returning
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SWEET HART GETS PIMPLES CHICKEN HART GETS FAT

Before you read:

Review the meanings:

disaster (diz ass'ter)	any happening that causes great harm or damage. e.g. The fire was a horrible disaster.
caution (kaw'shun)	a warning; or being careful. e.g. The sign said: CAUTION: WET PAINT. He told me to walk with caution because the floor was wet.
ous = having, full of	as in disastrous: full of harm or damage. e.g. It was a disastrous night. as in cautious: full of care, careful. e.g. He is a cautious person.

ful = having, full of	as in hopeful: full of hope. e.g. She was hopeful he would leave. as in careful: full of care; cautious e.g. Be careful not to step there. as in beautiful: full of beauty, pretty e.g. What a beautiful lake!
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less = without

as in careless: without care or caring. e.g.

He acted like a careless slob.

as in hopeless: without hope.

dis = not, opposite of,

as in disappear: not appear, go away from sight, vanish. **He disappeared under the bed.**

as in disagree: not agree, argue

as in disappoint: fail to satisfy, make sad, be sad.

e.g. Al disappointed his mother by not calling. She was disappointed.

non = not, no

as in nonsense: Not making sense, not having meaning. **His words were nonsense I didn't understand a word.**

as in nonfat: not fat, having no fat. e.g. **Drink nonfat milk.**

as in nonprofit: not making money or profit.

e.g. The schools are nonprofit agencies. They don't make a profit.

Do You Know These Words?

- variety** (vur ī ũ tee): a number of different things; different things of the same kind or type; more than one type or kind. variety of foods. He needs more than one kind of food.
- increase** (īn kree): make or become greater in number; become larger in number or amount. e.g. The number of boats increased from 3 to 10.
- reduce** (rē dōō): make or become less in size, weight or price. e.g. He needs to reduce. He needs to lose weight.
- examine** (ex ām īn): To look at carefully; to study or look at thoroughly. e.g. He examined the broken lock.
- conference** (cōn frīns): The act of meeting to talk about something; meet to talk about a serious matter; a serious meeting.
- nutrition** (nōō trī shun): The study of the right foods to keep humans healthy; food that keeps people healthy.
- celebrate** (sell ũ brāte): To have a good time; to observe a holiday with a party. e.g. We celebrate every fourth of July.

**SWEET HART GETS PIMPLES
CHICKEN HART GETS FAT**



It's been a disastrous morning for Lotta Hart's family. Her daughter, Sweet Hart, has been crying for hours. She's been crying because she has pimples all over her face. Sweet Hart celebrated her sixteenth birthday only last month. She's such a beautiful girl except for the pimples. The pimples appeared just before her birthday. Sweet Hart became worried but Lotta Hart told her that the pimples would disappear. "It's just part of growing up, dear," Lotta told her.

But the pimples didn't disappear. The number of pimples increased. Lotta tried to comfort her, but Sweet Hart continued to cry.



Sweet Hart had been very excited about a dance at Riverdale High School. The captain of the Chess Club had asked Sweet Hart to go to the dance. That was before the pimples appeared. When he saw the pimples, he told Sweet Hart he couldn't take her to the dance. "I think I might have a broken arm the night of the dance," he said, "and I have to visit my sick grandmother. My goldfish has a rare disease and I have to stay with him."

Sweet Hart was so disappointed she stayed in her room and cried that night. She was depressed for weeks. Now the dance was only a month away and she didn't have a date. Lotta was hopeful that someone would ask Sweet Hart for a date. When the pimples got worse, Lotta decided to take Sweet Hart to the family doctor.



As usual, Lotta was having trouble with Chicken Hart. He wasn't working so he just sat around the house and ate. Chicken Hart had gained sixty pounds in the last year. He looked like a balloon about to explode. Lotta became very worried about Chicken Hart. She realized that someone had to talk to him about his weight. She cautiously brought up the subject during his mid-morning snack. "Dear, can I talk to you for a minute?" she asked.

"Certainly, Honey," he answered. "What is it?"

"Dear," she told him, "You're beginning to look like a blimp. I'm convinced you need to reduce."

"Nonsense!" he snapped. "I disagree! I'm just a little out of shape. It's nothing to worry about!"

Lotta made him agree to visit the doctor for a physical exam.



Lotta took Sweet Hart to the doctor. He examined Sweet Hart and asked her a few questions. "What do you usually eat for breakfast?" he asked.

"I eat the same thing every day," answered Sweet Hart. "I eat two bowls of Sugar Sweeties, a pancake with maple syrup and a cup of hot chocolate."

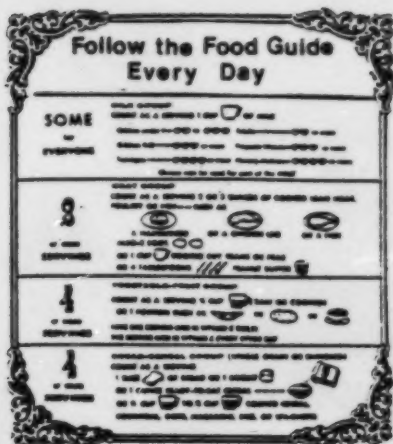
"...and for lunch?" he asked.

"I usually have a condy bar, a slice of pie and a coke."

"...and for dinner?" he asked.

"I usually have a hamburger with lots of dressing, a bowl of French fries, chocolate milk and ice cream with cherry syrup."

"Unbelievable!" said the doctor. He asked Sweet Hart if she ate anything between meals. Sweet Hart told him she eats potato chips and cupcakes between meals.



Later, the doctor had a conference with both Lotta and Sweet Hart. "How can we get rid of those pimples?" asked Lotta.

"I'm putting her on a strict diet," said the doctor.

"A diet!" Lotta answered. "But she isn't overweight!"

"I know that, Lotta," said the doctor. "She doesn't need to eat less. She just needs to eat a variety of foods. Her diet has too much sugar and starch. That's probably why she has pimples. Her diet lacks some basic food groups!"

"Basic food groups?" said Lotta. "What do you mean?"

"There are four basic food groups," answered the doctor. "The groups are known as the milk group, meat group, vegetable-fruit group and bread-cereal group. Sweet Hart's diet is a careless one. You should be careful to include some foods from each group every day."



The doctor gave Lotta a chart and explained how to provide a healthy diet. "Pay close attention to the food you buy," he said. "Buy whole grain bread and prepare fresh vegetables. Watch the amount of candy she eats. Give her fresh fruit. Remember that the candy and soft drinks won't give her the nutrition she needs."

The doctor gave Sweet Hart some special soap and told her to keep her face clean. He then assured Sweet Hart that if she followed a good diet, the pimples would vanish.

When Chicken Hart visited the doctor, he told Chicken Hart to exercise and start eating the right foods.



During the next three weeks, Lotta Hart made sure that her family ate foods with high nutritional value. Every day, Sweet Hart ate 2 or more servings of fish, chicken or hamburger. She drank two glasses of milk and a glass of orange juice every day. She ate fresh fruits (apples, peaches, melons), vegetables (green beans, carrots, broccoli, spinach) and two slices of whole wheat bread daily. She ate two eggs or cooked beans or peanut butter to make sure she had plenty of protein. She didn't eat any candy or foods with a lot of sugar.

Chicken Hart complained about his diet. He got mad because Lotta wouldn't let him eat the things he liked. Chicken Hart usually ate 5 bowls of buttered popcorn and drank two cases of beer daily. After three weeks of a balanced diet, Chicken Hart lost ten pounds.



Three weeks after Sweet Hart changed her diet, the pimples started disappearing. The captain of the Chess Club asked her if she would still go to the dance with him. "Are you kidding?" she asked him. "I wouldn't go with you to a dogfight! I'm going to the dance with the captain of the football team!"

Lotta Hart noticed that she felt better than ever before. She decided to stick to the diet the doctor gave her. Even Chicken Hart told Lotta he felt much better than ever before. Chicken Hart lost sixty pounds during the next year. He exercised every day and got himself into good shape.

One morning Lotta asked him a question. "Since you look and feel so good, why don't you find a job and go back to work?"

"I feel good," said Chicken Hart, "But I don't feel that good!"

**SWEET HART GETS PIMPLES
CHICKEN HART GETS FAT**

Comprehension Check

1. **Why was it a disastrous morning for Sweet Hart?**
 - a. It was her sixteenth birthday.
 - b. Lotta Hart was worried.
 - c. She noticed pimples on her face.
 2. **At first Lotta Hart thought that the pimples were**
 - a. very serious
 - b. just part of growing up.
 - c. pretty
 3. **Why did Sweet Hart get so many pimples?**
 - a. She was eating too much sugar.
 - b. She was eating too many vegetables.
 - c. She was growing too fast.
 4. **Check the boxes next to the four basic food groups. (Check 4)**

a. milk group	d. bread-cereal group
b. sugar group	e. flour group
c. vegetable-fruit group	f. meat group
 5. **A good diet includes foods from each group.**

True False
 6. **In order to get rid of the pimples, the doctor told Sweet Hart to (Check 4)**

a. eat more ice-cream	d. eat whole-grain bread
b. keep her face clean	e. eat fresh fruit
c. drink more soft-drinks	f. eat fresh vegetables
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SWEET HART GETS PIMPLES CHICKEN HART GETS FAT

Vocabulary Check

1. **Susan was cautious as she stuck her hand into the lion's cage.**
 - a. brave
 - b. careful
 - c. careless

2. **Which of the following are disasters? (Check two)**
 - a. a flood that destroys twenty homes
 - b. a joyful parade watched by hundreds of people
 - c. a huge fire started to burn garbage
 - d. a fire that burns out of control, destroying an office building

3. **Hank cautioned his brother not to enter the cave without his flashlight.**
 - a. screamed
 - b. told
 - c. warned

4. **Match the words on the left side with the words on the right side that mean the same.**

_____ increase	a. make smaller
_____ reduce	b. make sad
_____ conference	c. make larger
_____ celebrate	d. have a party
_____ disappoint	e. meeting

5. **He examined the broken window.**
 - a. He fixed and cleaned the window.
 - b. He looked the window over carefully.
 - c. He tested the window for strength.

6. **He tossed the beer can carelessly through the window.**
a. He tossed it carefully.
b. He tossed it without care
c. He tossed it powerfully
7. **He disappeared down the dark hallway.**
a. ran
b. vanished
c. came into view
8. **The party was a big disappointment**
a. The party was a big success.
b. The party was a lot of fun.
c. The party wasn't much fun.
9. **Sweet Hart was depressed for weeks.**
a. sad
b. happy
c. joyous
10. **He told me that my book was a lot of nonsense.**
a. He enjoyed my book.
b. He disliked my book.
c. He thought my book cost too much.
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FIFTEEN YEARS LATER ...

Before you read:

Review the meanings:

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|--------------|---|
| energetic: | having energy e.g. she is an energetic person |
| charming: | Pleasing, attractive, delightful e.g. What a charming view! |
| intelligent: | smart, wise, knowing a great deal |
| tricky: | sly, skillful, clever at fooling people |
| constantly: | all the time, always e.g. Bill fights with his neighbor constantly. |
| product: | result; anything that is made, anything that is made by a company for sale |
| valuable: | worth a lot; important, of great use e.g. Her ring is valuable; it must be worth \$2,000.00 dollars! |
| generous: | willing to give or share |

FIFTEEN YEARS LATER ...

Before you read:

Review the meanings:

peaceful:	full of peace, quiet, calm.
agreeable:	willing to agree, pleasant e.g. Jim is one of the most agreeable people I've ever met.
amusing:	funny, e.g. Jokes are amusing.
charitable:	kind, willing to give money or help people in need
appreciate:	to enjoy, be grateful for, understand the value of e.g. I really appreciate your cooking.
invest:	to put money into a business or land to make money. e.g. He invested thousands of dollars in land.
gentle:	kind, not mean or rough, pleasant
remain:	to continue being, go on being; to stay in a place. e.g. He remains a valuable friend to me.
impress:	to get the attention or interest of, e.g. He is constantly trying to impress me.

FIFTEEN YEARS LATER ...

Before you read:

Review the meanings:

delight:	joy, happiness
optimistic:	hopeful, looking at things in a happy way. Lotta Hart is an optimistic person.
difficult:	hard to carry out or do; full of trouble e.g. It's difficult for me to tell you this news.
gabby:	always talking, e.g. I can't stop my gabby neighbor.
divorce:	to separate legally, to break up a marriage by legal means.
organization:	a group of people who work or meet together for a reason.
disorganized:	not organized, confused, not in order, e.g. Everything on my desk is always disorganized.
volunteer:	to offer help or work for free; a person who offers help or work for free. e.g. She is a volunteer for a charitable organization.
member:	one who belongs to a group or organization.

FIFTEEN YEARS LATER ...

Before you read:

Review the meanings:

pitiful:	sad, an action or event that makes a person feel sorry or sad, e.g. He gave me a pitiful smile.
fearful:	full of fear, scared
conceited:	prideful, loving oneself too much, having a high opinion of oneself.
boastful:	prideful, given to bragging, constantly talking about accomplishments, e.g. I'm sick of hearing his boastful talk about how great he is.

Do you know these words?

catastrophe (ku tass' tro fee):	disaster, any event that causes great damage or harm.
league (leeg):	an organization or group.
convince (kun vins'):	To talk someone into agreeing with you, to talk someone into doing something, e.g. After talking to him, I was convinced he was crazy.
pleasant (plez' unt):	agreeable, delightful, enjoyable
vicious (vish' us):	mean, full of bad feelings.

FIFTEEN YEARS LATER ...



Fifteen years have passed in the lives of our family members. Most everyone has done pretty well during the last fifteen years, but there have been some changes.

Ruff U. Up still works on the corner of First and Hood streets in downtown Riverdale. He saved the money he made and bought the bar. Now it's called Ruff U. Up's Joint. He still gets vicious and throws people out of his bar when they start trouble. But away from work, he remains a gentle, charitable person. He still appreciates kids so he plays games at the park all day long on Saturdays. Ruff U. Up's wife continues to boss him around. He is still fearful of dogs and mice.



Luv R. Boy still loves himself as much as ever. He continues to be the same boastful, conceited person he always was. He looks exactly the same as he did fifteen years ago. He has taken such excellent care of himself, he has aged very little. There are difficult times ahead for Luv R. Boy. His biggest fear is growing old. When he saw a single gray hair on his head the other day, he went to bed for a week.

In case you're wondering about what has happened to Mus L. Man, he's still at the beach everyday. He walks up and down the beach showing off. People don't really pay much attention to him these days. Mus L. Man is getting older and his muscles are beginning to sag. Now he just looks pitiful walking up and down the beach trying to impress girls.



Ima Mess is now the Director of the Riverdale Phone Company. She hasn't changed a bit. She continues to be the same disorganized, gabby, fun-loving person she always was. Everything she does turns into a catastrophe.

When Ima isn't messing things up at work, she volunteers her services. Ima joined the Riverdale Volunteer Fire Organization five years ago. Whenever Ima goes to a fire, she makes the fire bigger than it was before she arrived.

Ima also belongs to the Riverdale League of voters. She goes out to talk with members of the community. She tries to convince people to vote for people she supports. Nobody has ever been elected to office that Ima has supported.

"No matter," says Ima. "I just love to help people in any way I can!"



Bertha Buyer has done some exciting things during the last fifteen years. Bertha is now the head of the Riverdale Consumer Protection Agency. She gives speeches all over Riverdale, explaining to people how they can get the most for their money. Bertha loves her work and is always delighted to tell people about consumer rights. Bertha remains energetic, intelligent and charming.

Laura La Boom still stops traffic when she walks down the street. Heads still turn to watch her wherever she goes. Laura now works as a fashion model for SLEE-Z Womens' Wear in Riverdale. Laura's beauty and charm make friends for her everywhere she goes.



U.R. Stuck is now the President of CHEEPO, Incorporated, a large company that makes everything from baby clothes to potato chips. He is still one of the most dishonest, untruthful, tricky people in Riverdale. He is constantly battling with the Riverdale Consumer Protection Agency and Bertha Buyer. Many of the products his company sells don't work or fall apart.

Even so, U.R. Stuck remains a valuable friend to many people in Riverdale. He has bailed Chicken Hart out of jail three times in the last fifteen years and given money to the Riverdale Homeless Childrens' fund. He has been very generous with his money and never forgets friends when they are in trouble.



Deaf Dan just celebrated his ninety-first birthday. The most exciting thing to happen to Dan the last fifteen years was his marriage to Ancient Annie, the oldest woman in Riverdale. She is 104 years old.

Deaf Dan and Annie don't get along very well but Dan doesn't care. He can't hear a word she says anyway. Dan lives peacefully in a quiet neighborhood next to the Riverdale Public Golf Course. King Jr. and his brothers and sisters keep Dan and Annie company.

Deaf Dan doesn't go out often these days but he still keeps in touch with his many friends. Every Christmas, Deaf Dan and Annie join their friends to celebrate one more year of life and friendship in Riverdale. Deaf Dan remains an agreeable pleasant, amusing person to his friends.

VOTE FOR Lotta
MAYOR of RIVERDALE



Lotta Hart's children have grown up. Sweet Hart is happily married to a local artist. Little Hart grew up and studied medicine. He is now a famous doctor in Riverdale.

Lotta Hart has made a lot of money the last fifteen years. She invested a lot of money in land around Riverdale. She now owns hotels, restaurants and a chain of nightclubs. Lotta is still best friends with Ima Mess and they spend a lot of time together.

No matter what happens to Lotta, she remains a happy, optimistic person. She volunteers much of her time to helping other people in Riverdale. Lotta is thinking of running for Mayor of Riverdale the next election.



Not everything has gone so great for Lotta Hart the last fifteen years. Chicken Hart continues to be a big problem. He has been in and out of jail three times the last ten years. He was arrested for stealing a vacuum cleaner three years ago. Two years ago, he caused a huge fight in Ruff U. Up's Joint. Just last year, Chicken Hart was thrown in jail for stealing the hubcaps from a school bus. Even though Chicken Hart remains an untruthful, disappointing heartache to Lotta, she and her friends still love him.

They were divorced ten years ago but then remarried two years later. Lotta can't help it. She will always love Chicken Hart. "I just know that next year will be a great year for Chicken Hart!" says Lotta.



Weird Willie and Babe E. Face just celebrated their twenty-second year of marriage. Willie never forgot that day at the lake when he caught Babe E. Face with his fishing pole. He bought Babe E. Face a gold-filled swimming fin with a silver hook to remind her of their meeting.

Babe E. Face is the Vice President of the Riverdale Lamp Company now. She still spends a lot of time with Weird Willie. Nine years ago, Babe E. Face gave birth to a baby girl. They named her Cute E. Face. Weird Willie Jr. is in his last year of school at Riverdale University where he is studying volleyball and tennis.

Weird Willie and Babe E. Face remain very much in love after all these years. Willie still goes fishing once or twice a week. He never catches any fish, but he still likes fishing.



And now we join the wonderful people of Riverdale during their thirty-first annual Christmas Party. They take this time every year to give thanks for the life and friendship they share. During their celebration, they wish each other luck for the next year.

This is a special year for the family. On this year, they offer thanks for the life and friendship they have shared with you. They wish you luck and happiness in everything you do ... everything you try.

Even though we leave the Family now, they ask you to take some time this year, next year, perhaps even the year after ... to remember them.

FIFTEEN YEARS LATER ...

Comprehension Check

- 1. What is Luv R. Boy's greatest fear?**
 - a. Mus L. Man
 - b. girls
 - c. growing old

 - 2. The most exciting thing that happened to Deaf Dan in the last fifteen years was**
 - a. his marriage.
 - b. his ninety-first birthday.
 - c. a Christmas celebration.

 - 3. What is Lotta Hart thinking of doing soon?**
 - a. running for Mayor of Riverdale.
 - b. becoming a volunteer.
 - c. investing a lot of money.

 - 4. What has Chicken Hart done the last fifteen years? (Check 2)**
 - a. He caused a fight in Ruff U. Up's Joint.
 - b. He has become a happy, truthful person.
 - c. He got a nice job.
 - d. He stole a vacuum cleaner.

 - 5. Babe E. Face and Weird Willie (Check 2)**
 - a. are now divorced.
 - b. still spend a lot of time together.
 - c. are studying volleyball and tennis.
 - d. remain very much in love.
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FIFTEEN YEARS LATER ...

Vocabulary Check

1. If Deaf Dan is constantly fighting with his neighbor, they fight
 - a. some of the time.
 - b. once a year.
 - c. all of the time.

 2. Match the names on the left side with the word or words on the right side that describe them.

_____ U. R. Stuck	a. energetic, intelligent
_____ Lotta Hart	b. gabby, disorganized
_____ Ima Mess	c. dishonest, generous
_____ Bertha Buyer	d. optimistic, happy

 3. Deaf Dan appreciates his friends.
 - a. He can't stand them.
 - b. He is grateful for them.
 - c. He tells them lies.

 4. Match the names on the left side with the word or words on the right side that describe them.

_____ Luv R. Boy	a. pleasant, agreeable
_____ Deaf Dan	b. gentle, vicious
_____ Ruff U. Up	c. boastful, conceited
_____ Laura La Boom	d. charming, beautiful

 5. Reading the Funnybone books has been enjoyable for me.

YesNo
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Vocabulary Introduced in Book 10

a

agreeable: **willing to agree, pleasant.**

amusing: **funny**

appreciate: **to enjoy, be grateful for, understand the value of.**

b

beautiful: **full of beauty, pretty.**

believable: **able to be believed.**

board: **as in room and board: meals and/or a room given for pay.**

boastful: **prideful, given to bragging, constantly talking about accomplishments.**

c

careful: **full of care; cautious.**

careless: **without care or caring.**

catastrophe: **disaster, any event that causes great damage or harm.**

caution: **a warning.**

cautious: **full of care, careful; or being careful.**

celebrate: **to have a good time; to observe a holiday with a party.**

charitable: **kind, willing to give money or help people in need.**

charming: **pleasing, attractive, delightful.**

cheapskate: **a person who doesn't like to spend money or share costs.**

comfortable: **cozy, providing ease.**

conceited: **prideful, loving oneself too much.**

conference: **the act of meeting to talk about something.**

constantly: **all the time, always.**

continue: **to carry on, go on or keep up.**

convince: **to talk someone into agreeing with you, to talk someone into doing something.**

d

decease: **to go away from, leave.**

deceased: **dead**

delight: **joy, happiness.**

depart: **to go away, leave.**

depress: **press down, feel sad.**

depressed: **pressed down, sad.**

desert: **to go away from or leave without returning.**

destroy: **break down, do away with.**

difficult: **hard to carry out or do; full of trouble.**

disagree: **not agree, argue.**

disagreement: **argument, dispute.**

disappear: **not appear, go away from sight, vanish.**

disappoint: **fail to satisfy, make sad.**

disappointing: **not meeting one's hopes.**

disaster: any happening that causes great harm or damage.

disastrous: full of harm or damage.

disease: illness, sickness.

disgust: not like, to feel sick, to cause to feel sick.

dislike: not like, a feeling of not liking.

disorganized: not organized, confused, not in order.

dissatisfied: not satisfied.

divorce: to separate legally, to break up a marriage by legal means.

e

energetic: having energy.

examine:

examine: to look at carefully, to study or look at thoroughly.

f

fearful: full of fear, scared.

fortunate: lucky.

furious: full of anger.

g

gabby: always talking.

generous: willing to give or share.

gentle: kind, not mean or rough, pleasant.

guilty: to carry the blame or responsibility for an action; to feel guilty, to feel bad about or feel responsible for.

h

helpful: full of help, useful.

hopeful: full of hope.

hopeless: without hope.

i

impress: to get the attention or interest of.

incomplete: not complete.

increase: make or become greater in number, become larger in number or amount.

inexpensive: not expensive, not costly.

intelligent: smart, wise, knowing a great deal.

invest: to put money into a business or land to make money.

l

league: an organization or group.

likable: able to be liked.

litter: offspring, as in a litter of puppies.

lovable: able to be loved.

m

member: one who belongs to a group or organization.

n

nonfat: not fat, having no fat.

nonprofit: not making money or profit.

nonsense: not making sense, not having meaning.

O

optimistic: hopeful, looking at things in a happy way.

organization: a group of people who work or meet together for a reason.

P

peaceful: full of peace, quiet calm.

pitiful: sad, an action or event that makes a person feel sorry or sad.

pleasant: agreeable, delightful, enjoyable.

precook: cook before.

prepare: make ready before.

prepay: pay before, in advance.

prevent: stop something before it happens, keep from happening.

preview: view before.

previous: going before in time or order.

R

rabies: a disease of the nervous system.

recall: call back again, remember.

reduce: make or become less in size, weight or price.

remain: to continue being, go on being; to stay in a place.

remember: to bring back to mind, think of again.

replace: put back again or take the place of.

result: what happens, the effect of an action.

return: come back again.

review: look at again, go over again.

S

secretly: without showing or telling anyone, hidden from everyone.

sorrowful: full of sadness, sorrow.

T

tricky: sly, skillful, clever at fooling people.

U

unable: not able, helpless.

unbelievable: not able to be believed.

uncertain: not certain or sure, not known for sure.

uncomfortable: not cozy, not providing ease.

unfortunate: not lucky.

unhappy: not happy.

V

vaccination: a shot or medicine to protect against disease.

valuable: worth a lot, important, of great use.

variety: a number of different things, different things of the same kind or type.

veterinarian: a doctor of animals.

vicious: mean, full of bad feelings.

volunteer: to offer help or work for free, a person who offers help or work for free.